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Internship Available: Key to the Sea

Are you looking to inspire children and awaken their sense of exploration? Would you like to instill stewardship into the lives of our next generation? Then Key to the Sea - a program of Heal the Bay, the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, the SEA Lab in Redondo Beach, the Roundhouse Aquarium in Manhattan Beach, and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro - is for you!

The Key to the Sea program serves elementary students and teachers (K-5) throughout Los Angeles County. It includes a field trip to the beach, classroom curricula, and hands-on workshops for teachers. The program focuses upon watershed stewardship, pollution prevention, and the sandy beach habitat.

We are looking for enthusiastic and reliable Key to the Sea interns to assist in all aspects of the Key to the Sea program. This includes teaching and/or assisting with field trips on the beach to data entry. Interns must be energetic, passionate about environmental stewardship, and skilled at teaching elementary school children. The schedule is flexible and will include both office time as well as field trips. The field trips take place various days and times Monday–Friday, 9am-3pm, on an irregular basis. The internship is unpaid and requires a time commitment of at least 3 months.

This internship is an excellent opportunity to learn more about ocean science and gain experience teaching in a dynamic setting. It is also a great opportunity to gain experience working for environmental organizations and marine science facilities.

Responsibilities include:

- Lead and/or assist Key to the Sea field trips on the beach
- Work outdoors in variable weather conditions
- Prepare for field trips by gathering supplies, carrying supplies long distances across the beach, getting wet in the surf zone to fill buckets or find organisms, and organizing beach stations
- Help teach at beach stations by digging in the sand with students, using binoculars to observe birds, exploring and describing organisms on the beach, and teaching about marine debris
- Helping with the supervision of students on the beach
- Assisting staff with administrative organization of the program

Qualifications:

- College-age or above
- Enthusiastic, energetic, and reliable
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team
- Experience working with children
- Professional and positive manner with children and teachers
- Education, biology, or environmental sciences background preferred

Please indicate which site you prefer: Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, SEA Lab in Redondo Beach, Roundhouse Aquarium in Manhattan Beach, or Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro. Please e-mail, mail, or fax resume and cover letter to:

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