



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Winter 2023

NPS UNIT: Point Reyes National Seashore

Position #: 224

Position Title: Natural Resource Management Assistant

Number of positions available: 1

Primary natural resource discipline: Communication and Education

Position Keywords: Marine mammals, education, wildlife management, resource protection, interpretation.

Location: Point Reyes Station, California

Can this position be fully remote: No

POSITION DESCRIPTION AND WORK PRODUCTS

Project Description: The intern will be responsible for assisting Point Reyes National Seashore staff in educating the public on the natural history, research, and protection of elephant seals, ensuring the safety of the elephant seals and visitors at Drakes Beach, and monitoring elephant seals within the park. The primary role of the intern will be to support the Winter Wildlife park ranger with Drakes Beach operations, which may include, but is not limited to, producing and posting signage, setting up crowd control equipment, communicating with staff in regards to the status of seals, visitors, and volunteers, and helping visitors safely view elephant seals while educating them on elephant seal natural history. The intern will also assist with wildlife management of the elephant seals by applying dye-marks to and hazing seals from Drakes Beach. The secondary role of the intern will be to help the marine ecologist in conducting weekly population counts of all the elephant seal colonies in Point Reyes, conduct flipper tag resight surveys, and apply flipper tags to weaned elephant seal pups. This internship is a collaboration between the Interpretation and Science divisions, but the intern will also have opportunities to work with staff from the Natural Resource Management and Visitor & Resource Protection divisions.

Work Products: The Natural Resource Interpretive Assistant will support the Winter Wildlife program park ranger in creating educational and training materials for the public and for internal use. Internal products will be training and outreach materials on elephant seal ecology to keep docents informed and updated. Public use materials may be short booklets or podcasts highlighting specific aspects of elephant seal ecology.

NATURAL & PHYSICAL WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment is primarily outdoors in an area that has weather ranging from cold, rain, windy, and foggy to dry, sunny, and warm. Most of the required hiking is off trail on rough and steep terrain near 600 ft. cliffs. The intern will also be standing outside at a beach site for 6 - 8 hours where the weather conditions can change drastically. A minimal amount of the work environment will be in an open office setting. The intern is frequently required to be in close proximity to elephant seals, which can get up to 6,000 lbs. and 18 ft. long, and must be quick to react to their behaviors via visual and auditory clues. The intern will need to carry and move various traffic cones, traffic barriers, stanchions, and fiberglass poles repeatedly throughout the day to manage visitor access on the beach around elephant seals. The employee is occasionally required to sit at a desk to complete computer related tasks. The employee must carry equipment in a backpack weighing up to 20 pounds.

QUALIFICATIONS

Some field experience conducting surveys and/or behavioral studies of large mammals. Undergraduate degree in science. Experience in public speaking, education, interpretation, or delivering programs. Excellent physical condition and ability to hike off-trail on rough and steep terrain. Be able to be outdoors for long hours in various types of weather. Driver's license is required.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent legal resident ("green-card-holder"). Prior to starting this position, a government security background clearance will be required.

VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must have a valid driver's license to drive a government vehicle.



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A personal vehicle is REQUIRED for this position.

If the SIP is required to drive a park vehicle for their position, Stewards will perform a driving records search, and the SIP's ability to drive a park vehicle during work hours will be contingent upon the results. SIPs will have to have had their license for 3 years or be over the age of 21 to be insured as drivers under Stewards insurance policy. Examples of things that will preclude a SIP from driving a park vehicle include: SIP under the age of 21 years old that has been licensed less than three years, DUIs, multiple moving vehicle violations, suspended or revoked license, or three or more accidents (regardless of fault) in the last 3 years. If the driver's search is favorable, Stewards will provide driver's liability insurance while the intern is driving a NPS vehicle for their SIP position. If the SIP is denied coverage by Stewards, they will not be permitted to drive during work hours.

HOUSING

Park housing is available and will be provided at no cost to the participant. Housing provided has two shared dorm-style bedrooms with bunkbeds (separate women's and men's bedrooms). There is one kitchen and two bathrooms shared by all housemates. During the winter season, there are usually less than 4 people sharing the house. Intern will need to bring bedding and personal items. This is a large house right on Tomales Bay with amazing views and wildlife right in the backyard. There is desk space and high-speed internet/Wi-Fi. Cell coverage is not good, but there is a landline for emergencies and cell phones can use Wi-Fi calling. There are no laundry facilities onsite and the intern will need to use the facilities at a local campground. The intern will need their own vehicle for personal use and to get to and from the office, but NPS will provide a vehicle for field work.

INTERNSHIP DATES

Start Date: 12/18/2022

Number of Weeks: 12

Flexible Start Date: Yes

LIVING ALLOWANCE

12 Weeks (\$480.00/week = \$5760.00)

RELOCATION ALLOWANCE

350.00

AMERICORPS PROGRAM



AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a program that engages individuals in intensive community service work with the goal of "helping others and meeting critical needs in the community". The SIP Program is supported through AmeriCorps by providing a Segal Education Award in addition to the SIP's living stipend and relocation allowance.

Upon successful completion of the SIP position, the SIPs (AmeriCorps members) are eligible for a \$1,638 - \$6,195 pre-tax education award that can be used for paying back student loans or for continuing their education. The amount of the education award is based on the length of the position.

AmeriCorps limits the number of terms an individual can serve to 4 terms. If an applicant has previously completed 4 SIP or other AmeriCorps positions, they will not be eligible to apply for an additional SIP position.

Partners

This position is offered through the National Park Service's Scientists in Parks (SIP) Program in partnership with various organizations.



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