Environmental Education & Outreach Internship

Mission
Our mission is to encourage and celebrate the responsible use and long-term stewardship of Lake Champlain by fostering and developing educational and recreational opportunities for all members of our community. The Community Sailing Center is a non-profit organization made of dedicated sailors, paddlers and recreation enthusiasts who share a deep passion for Lake Champlain. We believe everyone deserves to play on, learn from and ultimately take care of Vermont's greatest natural resource- Lake Champlain.

Overview
The intern will be the primary educator for one of the CSC's Signature Programs, Floating Classrooms. As the primary educator, the intern will act as an ambassador for the CSC. Therefore, the intern must be friendly, courteous, and knowledgeable of the rules, regulations, and operations of the organization. Interns must be enthusiastic about working with grades 4-5 (*and potentially other elementary and middle school ages students*) on topics including but not limited to lake ecology, cartography, geology, and human impact. Interns will expose students to the value of learning outside while utilizing and incorporating the sport of sailing as a learning platform.

Furthermore, interns will be involved with program and curriculum planning and development that he/she will implement during program seasons. The ideal candidate possesses a desire to develop their personal teaching skills, including curriculum and lesson planning. Please expect to take on different tasks and be willing to learn various skills to be successful in a diverse program and dynamic educational environment.

Reports to: *Associate Director*
The intern works directly with our Associate Director and Education and Outreach Coordinator to develop and implement our Signature Programs. This intern also assists in public presentations, outreach events, Signature Event support, and additional projects.

Qualifications:
1. Experience in education, environmental studies, or related majors.
2. Must have a passion for the environment and working with kids.
3. Must be able to commit to and maintain the Floating Classrooms teaching schedule.
4. Comfortable speaking in front of small to large groups.
5. Generally familiar with the natural history and ecology of the Lake Champlain Basin and Vermont.
6. The intern is dynamic, detail-oriented, conscientious, and able to work both independently and as part of a team.
7. Experience designing lesson plans, curriculum, or an outdoor experiential trip (*not required*).
8. Sailing experience (*not required*).

Responsibilities
1. Teach environmental, place-based lessons suitable for students in grades 4-5 and potentially other grades.
2. Assist Coordinator in outreach to local schools and community events.
3. Look into other local and non-local organizations for the CSC to partner with or learn from.
4. The intern must have empathy for the students and be able to adapt to their individual needs.
5. The intern must have knowledge and respect of the rules and regulations of the Center.
6. Perform tasks to assist in outreach of organization: blog posts, helping out at events, organizing volunteers, etc.
7. Assist in basic office tasks and administrative duties.
8. Potential opportunity for curriculum development and alignment of CSC curriculum to Reach: US Sailing's STEM Education Series, The Common Core, and the Next Generation Science Standards.

Internship Time Commitment*
Applicants must be available for 10-15 hours a week starting January 9th (*flexible*). There will be about 10 hours a week of teaching and there may be additional hours during high volume weeks or slight schedule changes based on outreach events. Depending on the individual's goals, there is opportunity for growth and experience in other areas.

*You can create an internship for 1-3 credit hours valid at your educational institution.

TO APPLY: please email Associate Director, Jen Guimaraes jen@communitysailingcenter.org or call the number below.