



“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society Environmental Education Resident Volunteers

Duration: January - April

Job Description:

When you volunteer with the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, you play a significant role inspiring future conservation stewards of all ages, but in particular, those in the 4th and 5th grades. The Environmental Education Resident Volunteer couple position at the Refuge is a 4 month position. These volunteers will assist the Refuge's Conservation Educator in coordinating school group tours, program presentations in schools as well as other educational activities. Some of the existing programs include but are not limited to: bird identification, animal adaptations, water quality, biodiversity of estuarine habitats, animal tracking, endangered and invasive species, climate change, etc.

Length of Commitment : Volunteer commitment will be from January 2nd through one week after Easter, with some flexibility with start and end dates. RV sites require a 24-hour work week (most typically three, 8-hour days (8 am to 4pm)).

Housing/ Benefits: RV sites are located within the refuge in a gated compound and come with full hook-ups (electrical, water and sewer). Resident Volunteers share this area with other resident volunteers and interns, who live in refuge trailers. In addition, free Wi-Fi and laundry units (located inside a covered building) are provided to all volunteers. Membership in the community recreation facility or a beach pass are also offered.

Specific responsibilities will include:

- Implementing interpretive and environmental education programs that reach a wide range of audiences, utilizing a variety of methods and materials.
- Working with others in developing educational and outreach materials and programs.
- Providing general visitor services by interacting with visitors by phone, at the refuge office/visitor contact station, and in the field.
- Maintaining the operations, cleanliness and appearance of the Refuge Visitor Center and Environmental Education Classroom as needed.
- Conducting outreach for the Refuge at community events and festivals weekdays and weekends.
- Staff visitor center as needed.
- Additional duties may include assisting the Refuge administration and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge with events.

Required Qualifications:

- Valid driver's license and means of transportation.
- Able to work in hot and humid outdoor settings.
- Experience working with groups of 25-50 children at one time in an educational setting.
- Self-driven/motivated and creative individual with a positive attitude and willingness to work with and help others, particularly younger students.
- Ability to work independently and with a team.
- Should be proficient and skilled in Microsoft Office software.
- Interpersonal skills and a strong passion for wildlife and the environment are required.

Preferred but not required: First Aid/CPR or higher certification; Experience writing lesson plans; Overall education/teaching experience; Lab experience - chemistry, biology, physics, etc.; Bilingual

Interested candidates can email a resume' and cover letter to Sara Hallas (Educator@dingdarlingsociety.org)