Naturalist Intern – Wynn Nature Center (Summer 2020)

As a Naturalist Intern at the Wynn Nature Center during the Summer Season gain the skills and experience needed to impart knowledge and a sense of stewardship with visitors and groups from around the world as they visit this 150-acre boreal forest preserve on the ridge above Homer, Alaska. Lead interpretive hikes and activities for diverse groups, develop and lead educational programs for children of all ages, and share new discoveries through blogging and social media. Perform routine maintenance of facilities and trails. Qualified applicants are energetic, creative individuals with academic background in botany and forest ecology with field courses preferred; some experience with teaching or interpretation a plus.

Responsibilities:

- Keep the Wynn Nature Center open daily for visitors from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Lead daily 1-2 hour natural history tours at the Wynn Nature Center showcasing local flora and fauna
- Develop and ensure a safe, fun, and positive learning environment for youth groups and children's programs
- Greet visitors, orient them to the center and grounds, collect trail use fees, and sell promotional items
- Perform routine facility cleaning and trail maintenance and maintain CACS educational supplies and kits
- Lead programs with special groups and weekly community programs
- Develop natural history interpretive displays for inside the Wynn Nature Center cabin
- Drive the CACS 12 passenger van when needed to transport program participants
- Participate in citizen science monitoring projects
- Help maintain and promote the Wynn People’s Garden
- Perform administrative tasks, including education program data entry and cataloging of photos
- Contribute to social media and blogging projects
- Correspond respectfully with participants, parents, staff and volunteers
- Submit written feedback on programs
- Develop and complete a project of interest to both the intern and CACS with a focus on citizen monitoring, research, or education
- Lead community programs in Homer as necessary, including pre-school story hour at the Homer Public Library and presentations at the Homer Senior Center, and special events in the area.
- Provide weekly photos for social media and blogging projects

Positions runs from May 25– September 7, 2020
$11-$12/hour, DOE. Housing is provided.

Contact Seth Spencer: jobs@akcoastalstudies.org or 907-235-6714 for more information

To apply: Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 professional references to jobs@akcoastalstudies.org by January 17th, 2020.

There will also be 1 position available that is a 1/2 time Wynn Naturalist Intern, and a 1/2 time yurt visitor services. Please indicate in both the cover letter and e-mail subject line the positions for which you are applying.