Position Announcement:

The Wild Center’s Climate Communications Fellow

*May-December 2021*

Based at The Wild Center, a natural history museum in New York’s Adirondack Park, the Youth Climate Program (YCP) is a global initiative that empowers students to develop and implement climate action plans in their schools and communities. The YCP seeks a highly motivated and organized Climate Communications Fellow to support the Program’s communications, including social media, monthly Newsflash email blasts, virtual event support and other modes of outreach. The Fellow will also support development of a new climate change solutions exhibit, slated to open during Summer 2022. The position runs from mid-May to mid-December 2021 and has some flexibility based on the applicant’s schedule. Position is based in Tupper Lake, NY.

Position Responsibilities

- Assist with Youth Climate Program communication, including email newsletters, social media, and virtual event promotion.
- Assist with planning and implementing virtual programs, including the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit, the Summer Institute for Teachers, and youth leadership programming.
- Assist with development of a new climate change solutions exhibit, including visitor evaluation, prototyping exhibit interactives, content research and administrative support.
- Learn the latest climate change science, impacts, and solutions, and utilize innovative education techniques to communicate climate change to visitors and YCP participants.
- There is flexibility within this position to develop projects that align with the fellow’s passions, strengths, and areas for growth.

Qualifications

- Strong communication skills, including writing, editing, and public speaking
- High attention to detail
- Familiarity with the Zoom platform for both working remotely and virtual events
- Self motivated and comfortable working independently
- Passionate about climate change and empowering young people.
- Excited and willing to learn and develop new skills.
- Flexibility and the ability to adapt to change as it arises - The Wild Center is a dynamic, team-based setting where responsibilities can change quickly.
● Organization and time management skills - you will work on multiple tasks concurrently.
● Competence using computers, particularly the Google Suite and social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).
● Some evening and weekend work required.
● Willing to adhere to NYS COVID safety procedures and regulations
● Some exposure to the Youth Climate Program and/or Youth Climate Summits is beneficial.

Compensation & Benefits
● Hourly rate of $12.50/hour for a 35 hour work week
● Shared, fully-equipped housing available in within 1 mile of The Wild Center
● The opportunity to work in a LEED certified state of the art facility on a 115 acre site on the Raquette River featuring over 50 species of live exhibit animals
● Develop a deeper knowledge of the natural and cultural history of the Adirondack Park and up to date knowledge of climate science and solutions
● Formal training opportunities and ongoing mentorship in communicating climate change, exhibit development, and climate leadership.
● Professional networking opportunities with leaders in the climate education field.

To Apply
Please answer the following questions in a cover letter:
● Tell us about your personal connection to climate change. Why are you passionate about taking climate action?
● How does this internship align with your personal and/or career goals?

Email cover letter and resume to climatefellow2021@wildcenter.org. Application deadline is Friday, March 26, 2021 5pm EST. The Wild Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We have a strong dedication to diversity in our community and in the people and groups with which we work.