



Wilderness Youth Project



Open Internship: Family Engagement UCSB Intern

Find Your Place at WYP: Nature connection. It's a simple but powerful concept. While it may feel like nature is all around us, many kids lack access to the outdoors. Wilderness Youth Project (WYP) equips students with self-confidence, problem-solving abilities and skills to work with others. United by the belief that all children need nature, our team works together to bring our passion for the natural world and our knowledge of the benefits of mentoring to the community. Learn more at www.wyp.org or on our socials: [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Youtube](#). WYP staff bring many years of naturalist experience, wilderness safety, social justice, teaching, mentoring and nonprofit administration.

About this internship for a UCSB student: This internship will support community and family relationships for our 2023 [summer programs](#). The purpose of this position is to make our summer camps accessible to families who face barriers to accessing nature and summer camps. This position actively engages with these families to offer support in registering their kids for summer camps.

General Accountabilities

- Support families with summer registration on the phone and in person
- Outreach at schools and various community centers including tabling and flier dispersal
- Calling families for weekend events and program offerings
- Support Engagement Coordinator in planning and implementing community programs
- Support Volunteer Coordinator in securing volunteers for summer programs
- Participate in our monthly staff meetings
- Enthusiastically works as [Support Staff](#) in WYP programs when needed

*The organization reserves the right to add or change duties at any time.

Desired Skills

- Proficiency in English/Spanish: ability to conduct phone calls and basic writing skills in Spanish are both required for this position
- Basic knowledge of computers and ability to learn our registration process
- Ability to make easy connections with families from diverse backgrounds
- Love of working as part of a larger team
- Comfort and enthusiasm for being outdoors

Compensation

\$20/hour, part-time, temporary position (18 hours a week for 5 months from January-May) funded through the UCSB Associated Students Community Volunteer Foundation.

The intern will gain experience in the following areas:

- Hands-on learning and teaching, including customer service, working with teams and using customer relationship management (CRM) software
- Direct training working with children in nature
- Applied knowledge about building community
- An understanding of children's development
- Mentoring from experienced nature connection mentors

- An inclusive and inspiring learning community
- An opportunity to explore Santa Barbara's secret wild places

How to Apply

Applicants should first carefully review the qualifications listed above and the [Wilderness Youth Project website](#). After that, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter that addresses the alignment of your experience and interests with the position as outlined above and the Wilderness Youth Project mission
2. Resume
3. List of 3-5 references.

Submit your materials via e-mail attachment in the PDF file format to **Sandra Gonzalez at naturaleza@wyp.org**. Initial correspondence via e-mail is preferred. We will continue reviewing applications until the position is filled. We will inform you of timelines and next steps within 2 weeks of receiving your application.

WYP is committed to granting [equal employment opportunities](#) to all qualified persons. Affirmative action considerations will be used in the selection process.