



Environmental Education and Recreation Internship

Mission

To encourage and celebrate the responsible use and long-term stewardship of Lake Champlain by fostering 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

In many cases, the intern will be the primary person students and community partners have first-hand contact with. Therefore, the intern must be friendly, courteous, and knowledgeable of the rules, regulations, and operations of the CSC. Interns must be enthusiastic about working with grades 4-12 on educational topics ranging from lake ecology to human impact. Interns will expose students to the value of learning outside while utilizing the sport of sailing as a learning platform.

Furthermore, interns will be involved with program and curriculum planning that he or she will implement during program seasons. The ideal candidate will have or desire curriculum and lesson planning skills. In addition, the intern will be involved with program development and partnership cultivation. Please expect to take on different tasks and be willing to learn various skills to be successful in a diverse program and educational environment.

Reports to: Education Director & Associate Director

The intern works directly with our Education Director to develop and implement our Signature Programs. This intern also assists in public presentations, outreach events, and additional projects.

Qualifications:

1. The intern is dynamic, detail-oriented, conscientious, and able to work independently and as part of a team.
2. Experience in education, environmental studies, or related majors.
3. Interns should be comfortable speaking in front of small to large groups and generally familiar with the natural history and/or ecology of the Lake Champlain basin and/or Vermont.
4. Must have a positive, enthusiastic, and flexible attitude.
5. Must have a passion for the environment and working with kids.
6. Experience designing lesson plans, curriculum, or an outdoor experiential trip a plus.
7. Sailing experience or US Sailing Level 1 Small Boat instructor certification are a plus, *but not required*.

Responsibilities

1. Design and implement environmental, place-based lesson suitable for students in grades 3-5.
2. Assist in outreach to local schools and community events.
3. Continue to develop curriculum to link to Next Generation Science Standards.
4. Update lesson plans with new information.
5. Research and plan for future year-round programming opportunities

6. Look into other local and non-local organizations for the CSC to partner with or learn from.
7. The intern must have empathy for the students and be able to adapt to their individual needs.
8. The intern must have knowledge and respect of the rules and regulations of the Center.
9. Perform additional tasks to assist in outreach of organization: blog posts, interviews, helping out at events, etc.
10. Assist in basic office tasks and administrative duties.

Internship Time Commitment

Applicants must be available for 10-20 hours a week starting May 1st (flexible). Work will include curriculum development with the potential to be hired on as a paid educator for the duration of the fall season. Opportunities are also available pending experience and a successful summer internship. There may be additional hours during high volume weeks or slight schedule changes based on outreach events.