

MARINE PROTECTED AREA INTERN

WILD COAST is an international team that conserves coastal and marine ecosystems and wildlife. We accomplish our conservation mission by establishing and managing protected areas, advancing strong conservation policy, and directly engaging with local communities on our projects. In San Diego County, WILD COAST is leading management and implementation of 11 marine protected areas (MPAs) that comprise 17,779 acres of marine wilderness.

We are currently seeking interns to play a pivotal role in the management of San Diego County's MPAs.

DETAILS

Dates: Negotiable

Schedule: Approximately 16 hours per week, days flexible

Compensation: This internship is classified as volunteer and is unpaid.

Community service/volunteer hours may be awarded. College credit may be available but must be arranged by the intern.

DUTIES

Interns will receive exposure to all aspects of the MPA program, including but not limited to:

- Field assignments to record and observe human use and identify potential illegal activity from shore and/or from a boat for WILD COAST's MPA Watch and RADAR projects;
- Instruct student programs such as Shoreline Laboratories including guided tour of Scripps Institution of Oceanography research facilities, human use data collection, and guided, ocean-based kayaking and boat-based Floating Laboratories;
- Present and/or table at public events;
- Enter data into appropriate data portals;
- Social media content development;
- Data analysis and reporting; and
- Conduct, enter and analyze pre and post-trip student surveys

QUALIFICATIONS

- At least 16 years of age (students age 16-17 need parental/guardian consent);
- Flexible schedule;
- Ability to stand for up to four hours at a time;
- Ability to operate a kayak for up to two hours on the ocean;
- Ability to be on a small boat for up to three hours at a time;
- Demonstrated water safety skills;
- A demonstrated passion for conservation;
- Excellent communication skills (written and oral);
- A strong and professional work ethic; and
- Reliable transportation



To apply e-mail your cover letter and
resume to angela@wildcoast.org