



Sierra Outdoor School

Part of the Clovis Unified School District

Is seeking applicants for:

Naturalist Internship

During this 10-month program, Naturalist Interns will be mentored and trained by our experienced Naturalists and Program Coordinators. After a paid training period, Naturalist Interns will teach hands-on science, cultural history and team building; as well as belay on our climbing wall and high ropes course and facilitate our zip line. Additionally, paid training is provided throughout the year in areas including educational theory, classroom and group management, background in relevant sciences, local natural and cultural history, and job search counseling. Sierra Outdoor School also has an impressive Raptor Center. Naturalist Interns will have the opportunity to learn non-releasable raptor management including feeding, handling, and teaching with the birds if this is an area of interest.

Internship commitment: August 3, 2026 - June 4, 2027



Benefits / Salary: Monthly stipend of \$2,700

Other perks included

- Private bedroom in a shared house. You will never need to sleep in the dorms with kids
- Wilderness First Aid, CPR, & AED training
- Meals in the dining hall when students are being served
- Food staples provided on a weekly basis including milk, eggs, butter, pasta, rice, quinoa, sugar, flour, lentils, etc.
- \$150 towards a conference
- Pro-deals with select outfitters
- Access to equipment off the clock including kayaks and mountain bikes
- Live and work in the Sierra Nevada Mountains near Sonora, CA (just 1.5 hrs from Yosemite)!



A day in the life of a Naturalist Intern

Your work day likely begins with feeding and caring for our non-releasable raptors, or prepping and teaching a 3-hour morning or afternoon class on trail in the Stanislaus National Forest. Visiting teachers select from a class menu ranging from hands-on ecology to teambuilding, wilderness survival, geology, ethno-botany, or local history. You might also start your day encouraging students to step outside of their comfort zone and reach great heights as you belay them on our high ropes course or climbing wall.

For breakfast, lunch and dinner you can choose to take the short walk home and cook a meal with the food staples provided, or instead head to the dining hall with your coworkers to enjoy a hot meal and a vibrant salad bar.

To end your day, you will prep and teach two 1-hour night classes either solo or with a team of interns. This could include an owl pellet dissection in one of our science labs, leading a group in silly songs and skits in front of the campfire, stargazing with telescopes, teaching line dances, or taking students on a night hike through the forest to teach about nocturnal adaptations. You'll never have to stay in the student dorms overnight, so expect to be home by 9:30!



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