

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

● Internship Programs May through August 2012 ●

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is the only state park in Palm Beach County, an "island in time" preserving the lush and diverse subtropical coastal habitats that once covered southeast Florida. The Park is nestled on a barrier island, encompassing 438 acres, including mangrove fringed estuary, coastal hardwood forests, nearly two miles of beach and shallow near-shore reefs.

This summer we are offering **Intern Positions** for three projects:

1. Summer Day Camp Program Internship - The Park offers six one week programs which give young naturalists, ages 7 to 13 years, the opportunity to learn about the coastal ecosystems of south Florida. We have three different programs designed for the various age levels. Interns will assist directly with the instruction of the program and supervision of the campers. The programs include swimming in the ocean, kayaking and snorkeling with the older campers as well as exploration of the ecosystems.

Interns must be able to work Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and may choose to work for three or up to six weeks depending on credit requirements. Interns will work directly with Janice Kerber, Director of Education.

2. General Park Internship - This may include nature center interpreters, animal care specialists, nature walk interpreters and gift shop clerks. Duties of interns assisting in the nature center include providing Park information to visitors, interpretation of the exhibit hall, registration for Park programs, and monitoring the theatre. Animal care specialist will do animal feeding and aquarium maintenance. Nature Walk Interpreters will guide our daily walks for visitors along the trails. Gift Shop clerks will assist in our Beach Outfitters and Gift Shop and with kayak rentals.

Interns must be able to devote a minimum of two days per week for a four hour shift each day; interns may serve in one specific area or in multiple areas. Interns will work directly with Megan Harris, Volunteer Coordinator.

3. Resource Management Internship – This may include sea grass surveys, exotic plant removal, turtle nest surveys, assisting with turtle walks, habitat restoration and other species surveys.

Interns must be able to work in the conditions that will be experienced while gathering the data and working outdoors that including extreme heat, extreme sun exposure, rain, insects, salt air, and sand. Interns will need some computer knowledge to assist with the data entry process. Interns will work with the Park Rangers.

****Reference check and background screening will be completed on all interns. If you are interested in any of these positions, please submit a cover letter with your position of interest indicated and a resume with three references by ASAP to Megan Harris, Volunteer Coordinator.**

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