



High School Internships at Camp Sealth

Are you a teen interested in leadership and working with younger children? Have you ever wanted to work at camp? Camp Sealth's High School Internship program may be for you! Interns gain skills for working at camp, increased confidence, leadership experience and a chance to make a difference in kids' lives.

Interns are role models for campers, using good judgment and upholding camp rules. You'll need creativity and flexibility, plus tons of energy and enthusiasm to share with the kids. Your job will be to lead creative programs, foster positive group living, and help each individual child grow while having fun at camp.

Program Overview—High School Interns are volunteer junior staff with most of the same responsibilities as paid staff members. You'll attend one week of training (June 27—July 2, 2010) then volunteer for up to three additional sessions throughout the summer. During your internship sessions, you'll work closely with Sealth staff members as an assistant to a cabin counselor, program specialist, horseback riding instructors, or work as a support staff in other areas of camp.



- ❖ **Counseling interns** assist a counselor as a co-leader of a group of kids. You'll lead activities of all kinds—games, sports, singing, boating, cookouts, crafts and more. Set a positive tone for your campers, help them solve problems, build friendships and learn new skills.

- ❖ **Horseback riding interns** are oriented to Sealth's riding instruction program, safety measures, and horse care, then assist the riding staff with lessons, trail rides and horse activities.

- ❖ **Specialist interns** gain knowledge and skill as an instructor in one of the specialist-led activity areas, such as crafts, archery, or the waterfront.

- ❖ **Support staff interns** work in one of a variety of areas in camp, depending on your interest and skill. You could work with the maintenance staff, kitchen, inclusion or health care.

Requirements—Interns must be at least 16 years old (17 years for riding interns) before the training week begins. Applicants must have previous leadership experience and enjoy working with children. Previous completion of the CIT or RSIT program at Sealth is recommended, but not required.

Intern Training—All interns are required to attend a training week from June 27—July 2, 2010. The training session is free of charge, and includes your lodging and meals for the week. Working with the Teen Leadership staff, you'll get to know the Sealth staff and other interns, learn skills for working with campers, safety, programming, and all other aspects of your job responsibilities.

Service Hours—Since a High School Internship is a volunteer experience, you may be able to earn school credit or service hours for your work at camp. Sealth will provide documentation of your service hours, and can provide any other documentation you might need to get credit. Let us know in advance what we can do to help you. This experience looks great on your resume and college applications, too!



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Schedule—After completing the training week, you'll volunteer for up to three sessions throughout the summer. Your schedule is flexible, and will be determined based on your personal commitments and Sealth's need for interns (varies by session). Although we cannot guarantee your first choice of schedule, we will make every effort to accommodate it.

2010 Session Schedule

Session 1 June 28—July 2
Intern Training Week (starts June 27)

Session 2 July 6—10

Session 3 July 12—17

Session 4 July 19—24

Session 5 July 26—29

Session 6 August 2—7

Session 7 August 9—15

Session 8 August 17—22



How to Apply—You must apply to the High School Internship program. All applicants must submit the paperwork listed below, have a personal interview with Camp Sealth staff, background and reference checks, and your qualifications will be weighed against other applicants. After an interview and reviewing your application, we will let you know if you have been selected for the Intern program. The deadline for application for Internships is **May 31, 2010**.

Required forms for application:

- ❖ Camp Sealth Staff Application Form
- ❖ Criminal Records Check Consent Form
- ❖ Three (3) reference forms completed by teachers, advisors, supervisors, or youth leaders

All forms can be downloaded from our website: http://www.campfire-usa.org/camp/employment_seasonal.htm. You can also contact us to have the forms mailed to you.

Mail completed applications to:

Camp Sealth
14500 SW Camp Sealth Road
Vashon WA 98070-8222

Questions??? Contact us:

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Tips for Applying—The High School Intern program is comprised of exceptional teens who demonstrate a high level of leadership, competence, skills with children, and personal responsibility. Following these tips will greatly increase your chances of being accepted as an Intern.

- ❖ Submit all of your application materials in a timely, complete manner. Use your best handwriting.
- ❖ Check your spelling and use proper grammar on your application and in all written communication with camp staff.
- ❖ Communicate with Camp Sealth staff yourself (instead of through your parents) - by doing this, you'll show us that you have the initiative and confidence necessary to be an Intern.
- ❖ Be professional, thorough, and thoughtful in your application, and in the interview. Remember that you're competing against other applicants to participate in this program.

We are excited to work with you this summer!