

# "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society

## WoW (Wildlife on Wheels) Education & Outreach Intern



J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is looking for an energetic bilingual (Spanish and English-speaking) intern to help facilitate the operation of the Wildlife on Wheels (WOW) mobile classroom. This position is a 9 month- 1-year position (September-May 2024). The intern will assist the much-needed change in how the Refuge reaches out and communicates with our local and urban audiences. The goal is to provide quality visitor experiences delivered to everyone in our local community. We are creating a new outreach change; changing how we do our work, who we reach, and how people experience the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge Complex. We need a dynamic individual who is fluent in Spanish and English with knowledge and understanding of the Hispanic community.

**Internship Dates (flexible): September 2023-May 2024.** A break during the holidays can be negotiated.

### **Housing/ Benefits:**

- Housing for the intern, including furniture, necessities, and free Wi-Fi, is provided at no cost to the intern in Fort Myers, FL. Housing is a shared apartment with fellow "Ding" Darling interns in areas of education, visitor services, non-profit administration, and Wildlife-on-Wheels. Rooms may be shared amongst 2 interns.
- Interns receive a living stipend of \$300 a week and a one-time \$150 travel allowance.
- Off-site housing requires interns to secure transportation to and from work through a personal vehicle, carpooling, or other means. If using a personal vehicle for work, interns will be reimbursed for gas and mileage spent during the workday.

### **Specific intern responsibilities will include:**

- Help coordinate the WOW mobile classroom to conduct wildlife education outreach.
- Help promote sustainability and conservation for our various South Florida ecosystems in urban locations.
- Plan and implement interpretive and environmental education programs that reach a wide range of audiences, utilizing a variety of methods and materials.
- Work with others in developing educational outreach materials and programs that relate to the WOW mobile classroom.
- Maintaining the operations, cleanliness and appearance of the WOW Mobile classroom as needed.
- Create opportunities to engage our Hispanic neighbors and connect them to the Refuge by implementing bilingual nature hikes.
- Create and enhance Spanish trail brochures.
- Create and utilize a Hispanic outreach list.
- Host family friendly events promoted in Spanish.
- Help the Refuge and education team develop our Hispanic Engagement Plan.
- **Additional duties may include assisting the Refuge administration and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge with events.**

### **Required Qualifications:**

- Bilingual-Fluent in Spanish and English
- A bachelor's degree in education, biology, environmental education or a similar field.
- Valid driver's license and means of transportation.
- Able to work in hot and humid outdoor settings for periods of time.
- Able to lift 50 pounds.
- Experience/enjoy working with children of all ages in an educational setting.
- Self-driven/motivated and creative individual with a positive attitude and willingness to work with and help others.
- Should be proficient and skilled in Microsoft Office software.
- Interpersonal skills and a strong passion for wildlife and the environment are required.

**Preferred but not required:**

First Aid/CPR or higher certification

Experience writing lesson plans

Lab experience - chemistry, biology, physics, etc.

**Interested candidates can email their resume to Melissa Maher ([Wow@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:Wow@dingdarlingsociety.org))**