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Naturalist Intern 2026

POSITION SUMMARY

Gulf State Park (GSP) provides a unique opportunity to engage the public by combining recreation and education to promote conservation. The Naturalist Intern plays an important role in enhancing visitors' experiences while also supporting the park's conservation efforts

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Greet park visitors and help to answer questions regarding GSP and local attractions or events in the park and surrounding area.
- Learn how to clean animal enclosures and feed all animals as assigned. This includes frogs, snakes, alligators, turtles, birds of prey and more.
- Shadow Naturalist and learn how to create and provide environmental & educational presentations for the public.
- Shadow Naturalist during wildlife rescues within reason and in cooperation with Orange Beach Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.
- Keep the Nature Center, Education Building, and surrounding grounds clean and tidy to make it safe and inviting for our guests.
- Shadow Naturalist in the park to learn the flora and fauna of coastal Alabama.
- Work on special projects that may focus on species monitoring, creating educational displays, and improving existing exhibits or enclosures.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Communicate clearly and effectively via phone, email, text, and in-person.
- Excellent customer service skills in a variety of settings.

MINIMUM REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

High school diploma with customer service experience and a passion for animals/nature.

This is a seasonal position offering 40 hours per week May-August. The work schedule for this position will include the ability to work weekends and some holidays. The pay for this position is from \$11.82, housing is NOT included.

Send resume and completed application to hannah.russell@dcnr.alabama.gov by May 1, 2026.

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