Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (FISH) Champions the annual miracle of salmon in our fragile environment. This will be FISH’s 15th year offering summer day camps that teach about salmon, habitat and watershed stewardship. During the month of July there is one week of camp for 3-5 year olds, two weeks of camp for 6-8 year olds, and one week for 9-11 year olds. Camp for 6-11 year olds is called “Salmon Science Camp” and the preschool camp is known as “Little Fry Camp”. In addition, we will be providing programming for YMCA during a portion of the first 2 weeks of August.

The goals of camp are to:
- Engage campers in fun, hands-on activities to help them discover more about the Issaquah Creek watershed and its salmon, as well as watersheds and salmon in general, and connections to other parts of the surrounding ecosystem.
- Introduce campers to the purpose and function of salmon hatcheries.
- Encourage campers to use critical thinking about how their actions, and those of others in their community, affect watershed, and therefore, salmon health; introduce solutions to some watershed problems, encouraging positive behavior.
- Get campers interested and curious about science by using scientific tools and practicing hands-on experiments and observations; give them opportunities to see people in action in scientific fields of work/study (such as hatchery employees).
- Encourage campers to problem solve and work cooperatively to accomplish goals.
- Help campers understand salmon’s place in a wider historical and social context and their importance within the local and northwest communities.

Position Summary: The naturalist intern supports FISH’s summer education programs and Program Coordinator. The intern will work with camp staff and volunteers to deliver high quality, hands-on day camps centered on salmon and the ecology and watersheds of the Northwest. Camps have a focus on science, but include arts, games and other elements. Camp takes place indoors and outdoors at the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery and surrounding area.

Camp begins on July 5th, 2016 and concludes on July 29th; other programs will be between August 2nd and 12th, 2016. Days and hours for Little Fry Camp (3-5 yrs) are July 5th - 7th from 8:30-2:00PM. Salmon Science Camp (6-12 yrs) are July 11th - 29th and hours will vary between 8:30-4:00PM with a field trip component on each Friday. August camps will occur between 10AM and 2PM and exact times are TBD. Training and preparation for camp will occur during the week of June 27th (part time, flexible hours are available for this week of training.)

Duties & Responsibilities:
- Support and lead as appropriate interactive science and environmental education lessons, activities and games
- Model and inspire respect and care for the environment
- Supervise campers along with staff, maintaining campers’ emotional and physical safety
- Assist with camp logistics such as set up, clean up, and paperwork
- Provide leadership and positive example to youth volunteer camp helpers
- Communicate professionally with campers families, volunteer camp helpers and staff
- Maintain safe and organized indoor and outdoor camp environment.

Minimum Skills & Qualifications:
- One year experience working with elementary-aged children in an education capacity; desire to work with children
- Understanding and interest in Pacific salmon life cycle and/or northwest ecology and issues
- Ability to be flexible and self-directed, think on your feet and maintain a positive outlook even in stressful situations
- Must be at least 18 years of age and pass Washington State Patrol background check
Preferred Abilities & Attributes:
- Bachelor’s degree in education, environmental education or related field (or in process of completing), CDA, AA or ECE or working towards
- Desire to learn about the Pacific Northwest, environmental education and watershed stewardship
- Experience working with preschool-aged children a big plus
- Group management and leadership skills
- CPR/First Aid Certification

Benefits:
- Stipend available: $500 (6 weeks)
- Contribute your energy to a hands-on environmental education program that welcomes your input and experience
- Experience working with small groups of children from 3 to 11 years old, plus teen volunteers
- Gain in-depth knowledge of salmon natural history and the role of hatcheries in salmon conservation

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 9th, 2016
Reports To: Program Coordinator
Job Status: Internship, Temporary

TO APPLY: Send resume and letter of interest to Education@issaquahfish.org, or mail to Rachel Martin, 125 W. Sunset Way, Issaquah, WA 98027.