

## Citizen Science Internship with Tahoma Audubon Society

The Citizen Science (CS) intern works closely with Audubon members, field trip leaders, and participants to promote and engage people of all ages in citizen science. The CS intern coordinates citizen science aspects of bird walks, nature walks, and educational programs. Many Tahoma Audubon members are avid birders. By engaging in citizen science, our members will be contributing to the pool of knowledge that can be used by decision-makers in crafting policies and regulations that protect habitats and species.

In 2008, we are working to thoroughly promote and engage our members in citizen science, via two programs: eBird and Nature Mapping. These programs are free and accessible online. The CS intern will learn how eBird works by utilizing online tutorials, and undergo 12 hour Nature Mapping training. The CS intern will work closely with our volunteer field trip leaders to engage them in citizen science. During this summer internship, significant time will be spent going on field trips, primarily birding. While on these trips, you will be educating participants about citizen science and eBird, training and assisting the field trip leader in data collection methods, eBird, and ensuring that data is input, either directly by the field trip leader, by another participant, or by yourself.

Interest in birds is essential to this position. Its okay if you aren't familiar with birds or identification, but you will be by the end of this internship! Transportation or willingness to carpool is a requirement. This internship is perfect for Ornithology or Wildlife Biology majors, as well as others.

Other than field trips, the CS intern will work with TAS staff, Field Trip Chair, and CS committee to implement and assess our citizen science programs and opportunities. The CS intern will also work with the above people to incorporate activities and programs that will reduce TAS's organizational carbon footprint. Possible examples include no carbon walks, birding by boat, or birding by bicycle trips.

Duration: Summer 2008

Location: various locations in Pierce County, but primarily in Tacoma and University Place, WA.

To apply, submit resume and cover letter to:

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