

GEORGIA AQUARIUM

Career Information



What department is this position in?

Volunteer Programs Department

What is the position's official job title?

Youth and Volunteer Programs
Specialist

Does this position require a college degree?

No

Do you need any certifications outside of a degree for this position?

No



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What does the average day look like for this position?

My day can range from hosting information sessions and answering emails from teen and general volunteers to sorting applications and selecting teen applicants for interviews. I also teach orientation and teen specific classes (called Dip Days), schedule and oversee community service projects, host end of session events and get togethers, and manage various day to day office tasks.

Are there any internships that help to get this position?

No

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Is there any way to volunteer or shadow with this position?

We have an office volunteer that comes in once a week, but it is not necessary for a career in this field.

What path did you take to get to working at Georgia Aquarium?

I started working in Guest Programs at Georgia Aquarium after working customer service for a few years. From there, I left the Aquarium to teach high school social studies and finish my Master's in the Art of Teaching. After working as a long term substitute teacher, I applied to the Youth and Volunteer Program Specialist position to utilize my experience working with teens to assist with their growth and development outside the classroom.

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What is your favorite part about working at Georgia Aquarium?

Many teens have reached out to me after their time in the program to let me know how much it has impacted them and how much they have grown during their time at the Aquarium! I think that is one of the best parts of the job. I really enjoy talking to both our teen and adult volunteers to get to know them and find out their passions and reasons for volunteering.

Is there anything else you want to share about this position?

Working with and getting to know so many different people is really rewarding. This job offers me the chance to facilitate in the growth and development of many people across a multitude of backgrounds.