

Volunteer Programs Department

Youth and Volunteer Programs Specialist



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Q: Does the job require a degree, certification, or both?

A: Yes. A Bachelor's degree or higher in any subject, and a scuba certification

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

A: Yes, any internships with husbandry teams or marine mammals

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Q: Are there any internships that help to get this position?

A: Not as a curator, but our team has a trainer internship program

Q: What does your average day look like?

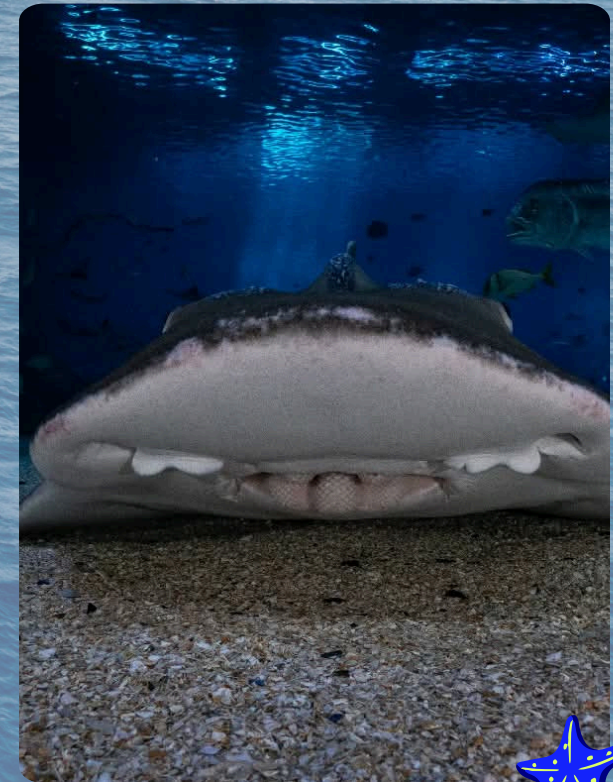
A: My day can range from hosting information sessions and answering emails from teen and general volunteers to sorting applications and selecting teen applicants for interviews. I also teach orientation and teen specific classes (called Dip Days), schedule and oversee community service projects, host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

Q: What path did you take to get to Georgia Aquarium?

A: 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.

Q: What is your favorite part about working at Georgia Aquarium?

A: 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.



Thank You