AQUARIUM INTERNSHIP

Introduction: The Butterfly House & Aquarium (BHA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Home to South Dakota's only saltwater aquarium and tropical butterfly conservatory, the BHA offers unique hands-on experiences for Sioux Falls and surrounding communities. This internship provides an excellent opportunity to gain unique and practical experience in the aquarium field for the purpose of developing a solid foundation for a future career in the aquarium or marine research industry.

Mission: Inspiring conservation of the vital building blocks of sea, sky, and land

Primary Duties:
- Work side-by-side with the aquarists to learn the details of animal husbandry
- Participate in the daily husbandry of our aquatic animal collection
- Assist Aquarists with the maintenance of exhibits
- Food preparation
- Animal observation
- Record keeping
- Developing an independent research project to be presented at the end of the internship

Qualifications:
- Pursuing or hold a degree in biology, marine sciences, or related fields
  - Preference will be given to a current college student or recent graduate
- Must be 18 or older
- Must be physically fit and able to lift 75 pounds
- Must be a team player, be able to follow instructions, have a positive attitude
- Have strong communication skills, a desire to learn, and understand the purpose behind marine education in a land-locked location

Assessment:
A satisfactory evaluation will be given to students who comply with their scheduled shifts, perform all tasks with honest effort, and complete their independent project.

Reports to: Michelle Coley, Curator of Animal Husbandry

Time requirement: 12-24 hours per week for 3 months or as needed – reasonable accommodations can be made for qualified candidates with prior notice.

Stipend: Unpaid; school credit can be earned for this internship based on university requirements.

Interested applicants should email a resume and cover letter to:
Andrea Kopp, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@sdaquarium.org