



GARDENS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of this internship is to provide a variety of practical experiences to high school age youth or recent graduates at locations operated by the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies--the Wynn Nature Center, the Peterson Bay Field Station, and the Inspiration Ridge Preserve greenhouse. The program has been designed to help you gain skills in the areas of food gardening, nature interpretation and teaching, public relations, and research and monitoring.

The program is open to responsible juniors, seniors, and recent graduates with a strong interest in gardening, ecology, land stewardship, and education.

Program Benefits

- Spend the summer working outdoors with others
- Work closely with a naturalist mentor
- Experience teaching garden-based education programs
- Participate in a paid interpretation and naturalist training at Peterson Bay Field Station
- Help connect your community to locally grown foods
- \$5000 stipend for the summer, paid biweekly
- Eat delicious food - grown by YOU!



Program Requirements

- Have completed your junior or senior year of High School this spring, or graduated within the last 2 years
- A commitment of 30-40 hours per week, typically Tuesday-Saturday with some flexibility for training or trips across Kachemak Bay
- Some hiking and heavy lifting while working outdoors in various weather conditions
- Complete one natural history, research, or education project that interests you
- Attend job training sessions and mentor meetings
- Be able to commit to the entire 11 week session, beginning in May and ending in August (specific dates TBD based on your schedule and garden programming needs)

Application Process

Complete this application packet and return to Misha Klassen at the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, 708 Smokey Bay Way, Homer AK, 99603 or email it to MishaCACCS@gmail.com using **Gardens Internship** as the subject line. Applications are due by April 8th, 2022. Applicants will be contacted for interviews in April, 2022.



Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies

2022 Gardens Internship Application

Internship duration is 11 weeks, beginning May 31st and ending on August 19th. Please complete the application packet and return via email or in-person to our office following the directions below.

A complete application packet includes:

- Contact Information Page
- Student Guardian Agreement (for applicants under 18)
- Application Questionnaire

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Contact Information: Please print or type clearly.

Your Name:		Grade in School:
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	
School:		
School Address:		
Parent or Guardian's Name:		
Parent or Guardian's Address (If different from your own):		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Parent or Guardian's Email:		



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Student and Guardian Agreement (if under 18)

I understand that I am applying to be considered for admission into the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies Gardens Internship. I understand that this is a commitment of responsibility, time, energy, and enthusiasm and I will meet this commitment to the best of my ability. I further understand that my participation in group meetings, projects, and service hours is part of my commitment, and if I fail to meet the participation guidelines, I will be asked to leave the program.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

I support my child in their application for the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies High School Intern Program.

Signature of Guardian _____ **Date** _____



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Applicant Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions in a separate document, numbering each response. Your answers do not need to be lengthy, but should give us a good idea of who you are and why you are interested in this position.

1. **Have you participated in any programs with the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies in the past (not required)?**
2. While previous jobs and internships are not a requirement, we do like to know how you spend your time during the summer and after school. **Please list internships, other jobs, and activities you regularly participate in.**
3. **How did you become interested in gardening and/or food systems, and what previous gardening experience have you had?**
4. Learning Opportunities at CACS have been designed to help you gain skills that will help you in a future career. **Which of the following learning opportunities are of interest to you? Tell us which activities interest you the most and why.**
 - a. **Educator/Naturalist:** Learning to teach educational programs for young children, assisting naturalists on tours or research, and helping with summer camps
 - b. **Research and monitoring:** Helping as a citizen scientist to collect data for scientific research (including climate, garden, and compost data)
 - c. **Gardens, trails and facilities maintenance:** Constructing garden beds and barriers, signage and fencing, trail work, caring for plants and soil

Thank you for your application!

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