

**Servant Leadership Summer Internship Placement Site
Job Description
Summer 2012**

Organization Name: Sierra Club, Inc.

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Organization's Mission Statement:

To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth;
To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources;
To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

Summary of organization's primary programs and services:

After years of debate, a near consensus among the world's scientists has concluded that human activity is contributing to the warming of the planet. We can make simple decisions now on national, state, local, and personal levels that will reduce global warming pollution and the risk to communities of catastrophic climate change. The Georgia Sierra Club's network of activists and volunteers are dedicated to cleaning up our vehicles, buildings, food systems, and electricity grid to drastically cut carbon emissions to curb global

warming, and advocate for clean alternatives that create jobs in a new green-collar economy.

Intern's title:

Georgia Beyond Coal Program Assistant

Number of interns requested by this organization?

One or Two

Internship project/job description:

Internships with the Sierra Club provide an exciting opportunity to gain hands-on experience in grassroots environmental organizing on a variety of key issues. All interns work with a professional staff person to design and implement a complete summer campaign plan which includes **grassroots organizing, media work, event planning, campaign strategy, leadership training and volunteer management.**

Georgia Sierra Club's Beyond Coal internships will focus on advocating for a better Georgia, one with a balanced, efficient energy portfolio, improved air quality and clean water. The Beyond Coal Program Assistants during the summer of 2012 will participate in all aspects of coordinating community health events that highlight the disproportionate health burdens of citizens living near existing coal-fired power plants, as well as co-coordinate a clean energy advocacy campaign to help build Georgia's clean renewable energy economy.

Georgia currently has some of the highest per capita energy consumption in the United States, as well as some of the largest and dirtiest energy sources. Resulting air pollution in many of our cities is in violation of federal EPA standards, and is a key contributor to impaired health quality for Georgia's citizens. Sierra Club is working to combat these problems by building smart energy solutions – not new coal plants - to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions, improve our environment, protect public health, and build a new clean energy economy that creates Jobs for Georgians.

Responsibilities:

Develop and maintain an effective semester campaign plan with Sierra Club staff
Assist in organizing campaign outreach efforts (including community health events and campaign press conferences)
Research and create campaign and issues related materials
Manage volunteers and volunteer contact database
Assist in communicating with campaign teams
Facilitate community meeting and conduct campaign presentations
Facilitate volunteer leadership training
Participate in weekly campaign check-ins and program evaluations

Qualifications:

A commitment to environmental, justice, and social change issues are necessary. Strong communication skills and a desire to develop campaign planning and organizing skills are also a must. Knowledge of issues related to public health, energy, environment, social, and/or political sciences is helpful.

Other Requirements:

None

Will the internship require that the student have a car?

No

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?

Yes, site is directly adjacent to the Avondale Marta Station.