



Yosemite Leadership Program: Summer Internship Descriptions 2025



POSITION: COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

The Communications Intern will work with the Marketing and Communications team at Yosemite Conservancy, the official philanthropic partner of Yosemite National Park. The intern will help tell the stories about the work that the Conservancy is funding and supporting as well as the educational programs the Conservancy provides to the public.

The Communications Intern work directly with and shadow Conservancy staff to learn how about modern marketing, communications, and storytelling techniques, including the use of various mediums — such as a blogs, email, social media, and a twice-yearly magazine. This is an excellent internship for creative individuals who have a strong interest in communications, art, and/or nonprofit work.



What Will I Do?

- Learn about the history and relationship of Yosemite Conservancy with the national park
- Learn about the 60+ donor-supported projects the Conservancy is funding in 2024
- Shadow Conservancy Programs in-park staff
- Develop Spanish-language promotions and copy
- Learn how to draft communications for print, web, email, and social media
- Learn basic video editing skills and 508 compliance (accessibility standards for federal communications)
- Develop and present a social media campaign for one (1) Conservancy project

Qualities Supervisors Are Looking For

- Fluent Spanish speaker
- Responsible and safe driver
- Strong communication skills
- Interest in learning about Yosemite's natural and cultural history
- Interest in creative tasks
- Feels comfortable troubleshooting technology
- Leadership skills and experience
- Strategic thinking ability
- The ability to self-start/work independently
- Comfort in spending time outside in various weather and terrain

What Will I Learn?

Through this opportunity, the intern will develop skills and understanding, as well as have personal/professional development experiences in: written communication skills, public speaking, research, working on a creative team, social media, networking, 508 compliance/accessibility standards, critical thinking, public outreach.



POSITION: CULTURAL RESOURCE INTERN

The intern will provide support to the Cultural Resources Branch within the Division of Resource Management and Science. The Cultural Resources Branch completes a diverse range of functions within Yosemite National Park for archeology, historic buildings, historic landscapes, and engaging with tribal nations.

What Will I Do?

- Participate in archeological field surveys to identify archeological sites
- Recording data and help to prepare and manage documentation records
- Assess archeological site condition
- Conduct scientific testing at archeological sites
- Use tools and equipment common to archeological work
- Process artifacts and specimens recovered during fieldwork and prepare them for curation
- Participate in historic and ethnographic research
- Communicate information
- Working independently and as part of a team



Qualities Supervisors Are Looking For:

- Responsible and safe driver
- Demonstrated leadership skills and experience
- Strategic thinking ability
- The ability to self-start/work independently
- Flexibility/resourcefulness
- The ability to adapt new skills and ideas to the public sector
- Detail-oriented and organized
- Values public outreach and education
- Collaborative team player
- Innovative problem-solver
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Enjoys working outdoors in variable weather and terrain

What Will I Learn?

Through this opportunity, the intern will develop skills and understanding, as well as have personal/professional development experiences in: leadership skill development, independent project design, time management, critical thinking, cultural resource documentation, cultural landscapes, and compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

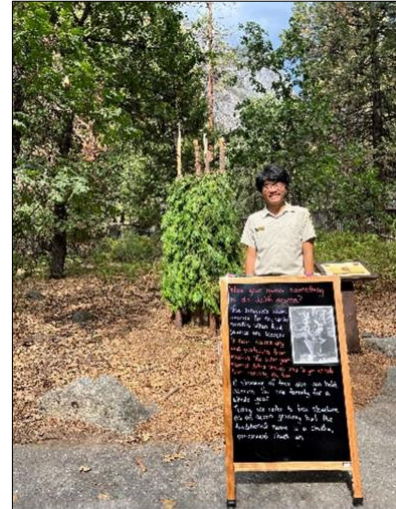


POSITION: INDIAN CULTURAL DEMONSTRATOR INTERN

Indian Cultural demonstrators provide contemporary demonstrations of traditional skills and provide a narrative of the Native history of the Yosemite area. They also provide insight to issues important to contemporary Native Americans. The intern will impart knowledge, increase understanding, and inspire respect of traditional beliefs and lifestyles both past and present.

What will I do?

- Research and learn the use and construction of the Umacha (bark house)
- Providing photos and historical context
- Developing a list of materials that will be needed for the project
- Create and present informal pop-up programs designed to engage visitors
- Collaborate with social media team to create content about the Umacha project
- Provide general park information to help guide visitors



Qualities supervisors are looking for

- Basic knowledge of California history and specific interest in native culture
- Excellent communication skills
- Flexibility and resourcefulness
- Ability to physically gather and prepare materials
- Responsible and safe driver

What will I learn?

Interns will learn strategies for interpreting sensitive and controversial cultural topics. They will learn how to interpret an active and living culture. Interns will learn physical construction techniques including tool use and skills in gathering materials. They will gain skills in project management and developing and interpretive production. Interns will learn about the Indian Cultural Program, as well as Yosemite Interpretation.



POSITION: MERCED RIVER ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION INTERN

The intern will work within the division of Resources Management and Science (RMS), in the branch of Vegetation and Ecological Restoration (VER). The intern will be an integral part of a large team working towards protecting, preserving, and restoring meadows, wetlands, and riverbanks.



What will I do?

- Photo point monitoring
- Ecological restoration
- Outreach activities related to the implementation of the Merced Wild and Scenic River Management Plan
- Social media posts, ArcGIS Story Maps, and other outreach materials
- Translate outreach to reach broader diverse audiences
- Develop and publish communication and outreach materials on the park website and social media accounts
- Assist the program Biological Science Technician with field work on ecological monitoring - Help in restoration activities

Qualities supervisors are looking for:

- Highly motivated
- Very organized
- Takes initiative
- Excellent communicator
- Flexible/resourcefulness
- Attentive to detail
- Skills in computer programs
- Understands introductory ecology
- Willingness to learn
- Spanish-speaking

What will I learn?

Through this opportunity, the intern will develop skills and understanding, as well as have personal/professional development experiences in: Ecological restoration practices and principles, project management and organizational skills, support, and confidence in working independently and as a team research, technical writing, and science communication skills, data collection and management.



POSITION: TRAILS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
ASSISTANT INTERN

The Yosemite Trail Crew's Volunteer Facilitation Team host VIP groups throughout the summer season, leading volunteers in basic, but vitally important, trail maintenance and construction tasks. The Trails Volunteer Coordinator Assistant will help establish trails-related and site-specific educational materials and offer presentations of said material to the Park VIP groups.



What will I do?

- Help coordinate and facilitate Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) project
- Assist with the scheduling and preparation of each VIP project
- Research, prepare, and deliver site-specific interpretive presentations to VIP groups
- Help create VIP folder of interpretive and educational material
- Perform basic trail maintenance and construction
- Video editing and communicating with other staff and stakeholders

Qualities supervisors are looking for:

- Demonstrated leadership skills and experience
- Strategic thinking ability
- The ability to self-start/work independently
- Flexibility/resourcefulness
- The ability to adapt new skills and ideas to the public sector
- Interested in joining over 100 years of tradition
- Enjoys talking to members of the public
- Willing to give short presentations to small groups of volunteers -
- Hard-worker in a variety of settings

What will I learn?

Through this opportunity, the intern will learn basic tasks of trail maintenance and how to host Park volunteer groups in the performance of said tasks. The intern will also learn to create and offer interpretive presentations to Park volunteer groups.