Organization Name: Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada

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Internship Site Information:

Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada serves 4,500 girls across 96,000 square miles in northern Nevada and northeastern California. With the support of nearly 2,000 adult volunteers, our members benefit from the Girl Scout Leadership Experience by trying new things, building skills, and developing leadership capacity through fun, engaging activities.

Girls experience Girl Scouting through traditional volunteer-led troops, camp and outdoor programming, travel opportunities, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) exploration, and additional series and events that allow them to further explore their interests. Girls fund their own amazing experiences by participating in the largest girl-run business in the world - the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) encourages girls to discover themselves, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place. Guided by supportive adults and peers, Girl Scouts engage in age-appropriate activities that are girl-led, cooperative, and hands-on. Participating in the GSLE helps girls develop important leadership skills they need to become successful adults. Girls who engage in the GSLE are more likely to enjoy and attribute their leadership skills to Girl Scouts. The GSLE delivers “fun with purpose” by helping girls gain valuable life skills and amazing new experiences while having fun and building friendships!

Students working with Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada will have the opportunity to gain exposure across a number of areas - including program and curriculum development, volunteer management, member recruitment and retention, and direct service with youth.

Students will spend a portion of their time working directly with girls in GSSN's Outreach Program, which serves girls in low-income schools and communities. In addition, they will have the opportunity to develop a project in collaboration with a staff member that will be based on their particular skills and interests. Past projects have included the creation of a resource guide for girls and families seeking additional services and the development of volunteer tools to help support positive group behavior management.

In order to work directly in the field with youth, students need to have availability between 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. on at least one weekday. Additional hours can be completed in our office during normal business hours, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Number of Internships Available: 2

Student Requirements:

1. Has a desire and ability to work with girls ages 5-17.
2. Can serve as a positive role model for girls.
3. Can interact with girls, staff, volunteers, and parents in a positive, professional manner.
4. Ability to accept supervision and guidance from a designated staff mentor.
5. Must become an adult member of Girl Scouts ($15) and complete the volunteer application process, which includes a background screening ($7 - $13). Financial assistance is available for both the membership and background screening.

How will student obtain this internship position?

Students interested in interning with Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada should call or email the person designated above for more information and/or to set up an interview.

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