Interpretive Science Education & Research Member
Georgia Sea Turtle Center
Jekyll Island, GA

**Duration of Program:** March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020

**Summary:** The Georgia Sea Turtle Center (GSTC) is a state-of-the-art facility located on Jekyll Island, along Georgia’s southeast coast. The Education Department is seeking qualified candidates for a six-month term to conduct educational presentations onsite and in the field, take a lead role in connecting research and education initiatives, teach curriculum-based school field trips, lead daily in-center presentations, and practice quality husbandry care and handling of reptile animal ambassadors.


**Position Description and Essential Functions:** The GSTC Interpretive Science Education & Research Member is an innovative position housed in the Education Department with crossover into the Research Department. Member responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

**Interpretive/Educational Tours and Guest Experience**
- Actively engage visitors through animal artifacts, exhibit interpretation, and patient care in the learning center and rehabilitation pavilion providing supplemental information on the life history, medical treatments, and behaviors of turtles
- Encourage students of all ages to respect and preserve their natural environment and community while leading classroom presentations
- Assist in the implementation of educational activities/programs and tabling events with community partners (i.e. GA DNR Beach Week, Turtle Crawl, etc.)

**Animal Care**
- Provide daily cleaning, care, handling, diet preparation, and feeding for a variety of aquatic and terrestrial reptiles used as educational ambassadors

**Research**
- Radio track 10-15 box turtles in densely-vegetated maritime forest
- Enter and proof detailed telemetry and mark-recapture data in Microsoft Excel
- Conduct pier surveys to collect data on sea turtle bycatch
- Interface with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as needed for assistance with off-island sea turtle and marine mammal stranding events and necropsies

**General**
- Share a passion for coastal education, research, and wildlife rehabilitation with people of all ages and from all backgrounds
- Inspire visitors and program participants to become active stewards of our natural resources
- Assist in coordination and support of volunteer docents and program guides as appropriate
- Assist rehabilitation and research departments as necessary and permissible
General Requirements:
- Positive attitude
- A desire to learn
- Excellent communication and writing skills
- Ability to work in hot, humid, and buggy conditions
- Strong public speaking skills
- Proficient computer skills (Excel, Access, ArcGIS)
- Well organized
- Self-motivated and able to work independently or with a team
- Flexible schedule

Minimum Requirements/Qualifications:
- 18+ yrs of age
- 3rd year Undergraduate or beyond
- U.S. Citizen
- Ability to obtain a U.S. driver’s license
- High school diploma
- Preferred (but not required):
  - Bachelor’s Degree
  - Experience in field research and education

Salary and Benefits: Living allowance ($5,000 distributed equally over duration of service), island amenities, education award at completion of service term ($3,047.50) and optional student loan deferment. A temporary JI parking pass will be supplied.

Housing: Optional and subsidized shared housing on Jekyll Island is available. If this option is selected, $200 per month rent surcharge (including utilities) will be automatically deducted from payroll, along with a $100 ($50 refundable) security deposit. Houses have limited-bandwidth internet and air-conditioning; they are also equipped with basic furniture and kitchen supplies. You must provide your own linens, towels, and food. Not provided but available: telephone and cable. Please note, pets are not allowed in housing.

*Travel and transportation costs will not be covered by GSTC
*Essential functions need to be able to be performed with or without reasonable accommodations.

This position is subject to close at any time once a satisfactory applicant pool has been identified. Applicants who complete the online application process will receive an email receipt of submission to the email address provided. If email confirmation is not received, applicant may contact Human Resources at 912-635-4086 for confirmation, however, due to the volume of applicants received, we are unable to provide information on application status after receipt. All qualified applicants will be considered but may not necessarily receive an interview. Selected applicants will be contacted for the next steps in the selection process.