

Wallowa Resources – Wallowa Mountain Institute Natural Resources/Youth Leadership Internship 8-10 week summer internship

**Preferred Dates:** June 12th – August 18<sup>th</sup> (flexibility with dates)

Wallowa Resources is offering a Natural resources/youth leadership internship through Wallowa Mountain Institute (WMI), the education and research sector of Wallowa Resources. The primary responsibilities of this intern will be to help facilitate, manage, and teach High School summer stewardship education programs. This will include helping coordinate and mentor in the High School internship/Youth Corp program in natural resources. The HS internship program exposes high school students (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) to the natural resources field through direct work and field experience. This internship will give the participant experience in leading and facilitating a group of youth interns, as well as exposure to the natural resources field, hands-on fieldwork in natural resources, facilitation of stewardship projects, and first-hand experience working for a successful non-profit. Additionally, this intern may also have the opportunity to help facilitate and attend overnight camping/backpacking programs run through WMI (these opportunities will depend on the candidate and best fit for programmatic needs). The Natural Resources/Youth Leadership intern will become an integrated part of the staff team and may be asked to help out with a variety of other tasks within WMI or Wallowa Resources as a whole. This could include helping out at community events that Wallowa Resources participates in, aiding in communication/outreach efforts within the community, and/or creating and enhancing curriculum/lessons for other programs in WMI. The selected intern will leave this summer with a wealth of non-profit/leadership experience in the field of conservation and sustainability, a summer full of experiential education in natural resources, and a working knowledge of rural communities and stewardship economies. We want to help prepare interns to enter the workforce with new insight into innovative management practices through an equity lens and a solid foundation of the issues facing the rural West.

**Specific Qualifications**: An ideal candidate has experience or interest in being a team leader, is mature and can be a good role model to teenage youth, has good written and verbal communication skills, possesses a positive attitude and willingness to do a variety of tasks in and out of the office, and has or would like to gain experience managing and working as part of a team. Experience or an interest in teaching/working with youth in a rugged outdoor setting (internship may include participation in a short residential outdoor camp and field work) and being a youth leader for teenagers is desirable. This position will require hiking and fieldwork in remote wilderness settings. First Aid and CPR certification and experience or interest in being in wilderness settings are helpful, but not required.

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