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Volunteer and Internship Program - Role Announcement

Title: EcoMonitoring Corps Internship

Role Overview: Ironwood Tree Experience (ITE) strongly supports a growing network of youth, ages 12-20, who choose to connect with nature and culture in public lands and the urban environment, where they actively explore, discover and care for our community. The EcoMonitoring Corps Internship supports the Youth Action Corps in completing field work at ITE's Urban Green Lot and the Santa Cruz River.

Role Objectives:

Assist ITE youth leaders in the facilitation, documentation, and processing of data collected through urban eco-monitoring and other citizen science practices.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist ITE staff and youth field specialists in facilitation, collection and processing of citizen science data along the Santa Cruz River and ITE Urban Green Lot.
- Record and document observations during bi-weekly field days
- Assist ITE staff and youth in sharing and uploading data to citizen science platforms such as Nature's Notebook, E-Bird and iNaturalist
- Be willing to carry and utilize tools (heat radar, binoculars, etc.) in citizen science data collection

Required Qualifications:

- Demonstrated interest in ITE's mission and vision
- Commitment to flexibility in completing job duties
- Receiving class credit at a higher learning institution
- Willingness to practice interpretation of natural and cultural history
- Willingness to be outdoors and work in the elements (wind, heat, sun)

Preferred Qualifications:

- Previous studies or experience in wildlife conservation
- Previous experience working with youth
- Previous experience working with citizen science platforms



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Reports to: Volunteer and Internship Coordinator with supervision from the lead program staff member

Schedule: Bi-weekly ecomonitoring outings; possibly other times (such as Friday mornings for prep) as negotiated with program manager and internship coordinator