



Trout in the Classroom Internship

Creek Lands Conservation is seeking (1) Trout In the Classroom (TIC) Intern to support our 2024 – 2025 program season. The TIC program supports watershed conservation science in classrooms across the Central Coast, by providing a curated Protecting Our Watersheds (POW!) curriculum and an opportunity to raise and release native Rainbow Trout in a culminating guided field trip. Each school will receive eggs in winter that they'll raise to the fry stage, and release during a guided field trip at Lopez Lake Recreation Area or other CDFW approved sites come spring. The position entails both remote and in-person duties across San Luis Obispo County from Arroyo Grande to Morro Bay. The approximate internship start date is 1/1/2025, with an end date around 5/30/2025.

Intern responsibilities include:

1. Volunteer coordination (weekly tank checks/trout collection/field trip assistance)
2. Tank set-up, collection, and break down for schools across San Luis Obispo County
3. Trout egg delivery to schools across San Luis Obispo County
4. Weekly tank maintenance check coordination (February – April only)
5. Tank cleaning/testing equipment
6. Inventory/storage equipment at beginning and end of season in Arroyo Grande, CA office
7. Assist in guiding in person field trips (as/if available)
8. Communication with CLC education managers/teachers/district TOSAs/CDFW regarding trainings/certifications (ongoing throughout internship)

Breakdown of Responsibilities & Timeline (6-month commitment approx. 150 hrs. total)

- Volunteer Coordination & Program Set-Up
 - **January** – Set-up tanks in schools.
 - **February** – Trout egg delivery to schools/weekly tank checks through April.
 - **April** – Trout collection from schools/772 permit collection/tank break-down/collection (if needed)/field trip assistance and volunteer coordination.
- Tank Cleaning/Equipment Testing/Inventory/Storage
 - **April/May** – Clean all equipment returned to CLC/test all equipment/inventory including Fin Bins within existing database/store in shipping container at the CLC office/order supplies needed for the next TIC year.

Internship Benefits

- Build a strong resume
- Develop professional network
- Secure professional mentorship, references and recommendations
- Build confidence in hands on fish management and program coordination
- \$550 *stipend upon completion of internship

**Intern must sign an internship agreement before beginning any work and complete the internship to receive the stipend*

To apply, please contact our Conservation Science Educator, Marysia, at marysia@creeklands.org with your most recent resume and statement of interest. The deadline to apply is **11/22/2024**.