**Paid Internship Position with the Wishtoyo Foundation**

Wishtoyo serves as a “rainbow bridge” linking Chumash and indigenous lifeways with the protection of natural and cultural resources, utilizing traditional ecological knowledge to provide environmental and cultural preservation and justice, education, research, and advocacy.

Wishtoyo is place, organization, and movement inspiring people to live in harmony with our Earth again.

The Wishtoyo Foundation is seeking to fill two to three paid intern positions for the watershed monitoring program. Best candidates are college or university students interested in or already majoring in environmental science, ecology, or biological sciences. Interns will work with Wishtoyo’s watershed scientist; monitoring water quality throughout the Santa Clara River (Utom) watershed and Ormond Lagoon sub-watershed, conducting rainbow trout and steelhead surveys, monitoring habitat for endangered species, and conducting bird surveys. Interns will also have the opportunity to engage in environmental justice advocacy in their local communities and work with partnering organizations.

**Responsibilities of the Internship**

- Learn how to operate, calibrate, and maintain water quality analysis equipment in the lab and field.
- Assist Wishtoyo’s watershed scientist with the assessment of water quality and sensitive species habitats throughout the Santa Clara River watershed.
- Learn methodologies for rainbow trout and steelhead surveys.
- Learn QAQC and methods for collecting storm water samples and maintaining chain of custody.
- Take part in Wishtoyo’s environmental advocacy and environmental justice campaigns.
- Learn principles of environmental law and policy to effectively engage regulatory agencies and local governments to influence local policy and project design.
- Collect evidence for potential Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act litigation.
- Assist in preparing a report at the close of the internship.

**Desired Qualifications**

- Enrolled in a college or university and interest in declaring or already majoring in environmental science, biology, environmental communications, sociology, Chicano studies, chemistry or one of the physical sciences.
- Familiarity with principles of water quality, basic chemistry, and local plants and wildlife.
- Ability to use Microsoft Office (word, excel, power point), or other comparable office software (google docs, sheets, etc.).
• Able to access public transportation or use a private vehicle to meet in central locations throughout Ventura County.

**Employment Details**

• Part-time, hourly paid internship
• Hourly rate: $17-18/hr
• 12-16 hours per week, flexible with school schedules

**How to Apply**

• Send resume or CV to Tevin Schmitt with an email detailing your interest in the internship position
  
  tschmitt@wishtoyo.org
• Applicants will be interviewed and evaluated by Wishtoyo staff before acceptance into the internship program