Position: **Seasonal Naturalist**  
Reports to: Director of Camp and Programs, and Program Manager  
Status: Part time/Non-exempt  
Rate: $14 to $16 per hour Position

**Summary**

The Seasonal Naturalist advances Seacoast Science Center’s (SSC) mission to spark curiosity, enhance understanding, and inspire conservation of our Blue Planet by maintaining a standard of excellence for visitors through superior customer service, exemplary volunteer leadership, and delivery of high-quality educational programming. This is a seasonal position working with school children, group, and family audiences providing environmental education.

**Position Description**

The Seasonal Naturalist is responsible for the delivery of SSC’s public programs and for providing consistently high quality customer service to visitors of all ages. In this public-facing role; the Seasonal Naturalist must provide a professional and enthusiastic first impression. The Seasonal Naturalist must be able to teach engaging, accurate marine/coastal science programs that are hands-on, interactive, personalized, and fun. Being an engaged member of our cohesive team of naturalists and volunteers that delivers an excellent experience is key to success in this position.

**Responsibilities**

- **Engage groups in meaningful ways that support our mission:** To spark curiosity, enhance understanding, and inspire conservation of our Blue Planet.
- **Teach programs that will entertain and educate,** in order to inspire conservation. Our goal is to communicate the ways in which our lives on land influence ocean health and how ocean health impacts our daily lives. We educate to motivate people to become stewards of the sea.
- **Attend naturalist training sessions and conduct program observations before teaching programs solo.**
- **Lead interpretive programs for school children, groups, and families on-site, both indoors, and in the natural habitats of Odiorne Point State Park.**
- **Arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of the program, check in with the Program Director or Program Manager, and prep for programs as necessary.**
- **After the program, clean the program area, and return program materials to the storage area.**
- **Maintain the safety of the ground in the natural environment, and notify the Front Desk of any emergency immediately.**
- **Other activities as assigned and appropriate.**
Physical Requirements
Must possess the ability to provide care in the outdoors, including on the rocky shore and other potentially rough habitats. Must be able to climb rocks, stairs, and occasionally lift moderately heavy objects.

Qualifications
A successful candidate has a strong background in marine science, environmental science, and education; a passion for science-based informal education; and excellent communication skills. Excellent engagement and interpersonal skills are required to effectively interact with schools, groups, and family audiences. The Seasonal Naturalist must have the ability to work with all ages, diverse audiences, and in a wide range of indoor and outdoor settings. This role requires the ability to maintain a friendly, energetic persona and thrive on interacting with visitors. Basic knowledge of local coastal habitats, ability to traverse rocky shore, and to lift and move 40 lb. buckets of saltwater or supplies are required.

About Us
Seacoast Science Center is a beloved anchor of the NH seacoast community – a place to learn and have fun while developing an appreciation for our coastal environment and its inhabitants. At our home in historic Odiorne Point State Park, one of New Hampshire’s ocean-facing treasures, we inspire visitors to discover the wonders of our natural habitats. Families are encouraged to get their feet wet in the tide pools, explore the touch tank full of wondrous creatures from the Gulf of Maine, be awed by the sea life in aquarium exhibits, and develop a deeper appreciation for the preservation and health of our oceans. As the only ocean-centric science museum in the region, Seacoast Science Center is an integral part of New Hampshire’s cultural economy and educational opportunities, attracting over 90,000 visitors annually, with 30,000 participating in school-related field trips and summer camp programs. A valued public resource, we encourage social interaction, community collaboration, and the pursuit of shared interests.

To Apply
Please send a resume and letter of interest to careers-seasonal@sscnh.org, subject line: SEASONAL NATURALIST. No paper applications will be accepted. Applications will be reviewed in the order received. No phone calls please.

Seacoast Science Center is committed to creating a diverse work environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.