

Klamath Bird Observatory



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BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER STUDENT VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP

Stipend: \$750/month

Duration: May 1 – June 30, 2015

Project Location: Upper Klamath Basin, OR

Number of positions: 1

Klamath Bird Observatory (www.klamathbird.org) is seeking one student volunteer intern to participate in a Black-Backed Woodpecker nesting study in the Upper Klamath Basin of southern Oregon (May 1 – June 30). This is a fantastic opportunity to gain exposure to ornithological field methods while working with a fascinating bird species in a beautiful part of the world.

EXPECTATIONS: Primary duties will include Black-Backed Woodpecker audio playback surveys, nest searching, and vegetation sampling along off-road transects following standard protocols, and associated data entry. Other tasks may be assigned if time permits. Field training on protocol methodology and local woodpecker identification will be provided at the onset of the season.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants should demonstrate a strong interest in birds, natural history, and field biology, and should be prepared to work long days in the field in cold or hot temperatures and inclement weather, follow prescribed protocols, be meticulous in collecting and recording data, be in good physical condition, work and live well with others, and possess good communication skills. It is essential that the applicant also be comfortable and capable of working independently at remote forest sites. Applicants must be willing to work in areas of steep and/or rocky terrain and dense vegetation, with the potential to encounter black bears and cougars. Camping may be required on occasion (applicants must have their own camping gear). Preference will be given to those with previous experience in ornithological field methods, as well as map reading and orienteering. Applicants must have a valid Driver's License, be able to drive a manual (stick-shift) vehicle, and be able to produce a driver's record upon request.

COMPENSATION: A monthly stipend of \$750, rustic local housing in the Upper Klamath Lake area, and a field vehicle will be provided. A personal vehicle will be needed for non-work use because of the remote location of the housing.

APPLICATION: Send cover letter (including dates of availability and whether you have a personal vehicle), résumé, and contact information for three references, to Kate Halstead (keh@klamathbird.org). Applicants will be evaluated until the position is filled, beginning February 27th 2015.