



Summer Program Internship

Organization Name:	Youth Haven, Inc.		
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Relevant Programs and Coursework:	<input type="radio"/> Children’s Ministry		<input type="radio"/> Youth Ministry
	<input type="radio"/> Child Development		<input type="radio"/> Psychology
	<input type="radio"/> Biblical Studies		<input type="radio"/> Urban Studies
	<input type="radio"/> Education		<input type="radio"/> General Studies
	<input type="radio"/> Human Services		<input type="radio"/> Counseling
	<input type="radio"/> Social Science		<input type="radio"/> Leadership
Description of Internship (general):	<p>Youth Haven’s mission is to provide life-changing, Christ-centered experiences for disadvantaged children. Youth Haven is a non-denominational Christian ministry committed to meeting the needs of vulnerable, underserved children through both on-site and off-site programs all year long. These programs include (but are not limited to) camping ministry, after-school ministry, partnering with government housing, care packages that meet both physical and psycho-social needs, mail ministry, and online ministry. By providing these programs, Youth Haven is able to connect with at-risk communities, opening the door for Gospel witness and teaching.</p> <p>Youth Haven seeks a mutually beneficial relationship with mission-minded young adults for our internship program. Youth Haven desires to prepare young adults for ministry by offering hands-on experience, guidance, and oversight from our qualified staff. Likewise, mission-minded young adults will assist Youth Haven through their informed service in children’s programming, development of curriculum materials, and support in administrative responsibilities. The intern will assist in both on-site and off-site programs, such as camping sessions, virtual children’s ministry, and mail-based programs.</p> <p>Youth Haven’s ten-week summer internship will be supervised by the location-specific Program Director, as well as Youth Haven’s leadership team. The summer will begin with a program orientation and supervised development of children’s curriculum. Throughout the internship, the student will be given increased responsibility in the program and will complete an assigned project as agreed upon at the beginning of the internship.</p> <p>Consistent communication between the intern’s Youth Haven supervisor and the intern’s academic supervisor will be in the best interest of the intern, so that everyone has clear expectations and goals are met to the highest satisfaction of all.</p>		

Intern Candidate Requirements:	<p>A qualifying candidate for an internship with the children’s programs of Youth Haven must, first and foremost, love Jesus, having an active and growing relationship with Him. Such an individual will have a passion and vision to reach children for Christ, and more specifically disadvantaged children between the ages of 7-13. Being evangelistic and missions-focused, the Youth Haven intern desires to teach the Gospel message to children who may never hear of Jesus Christ elsewhere. Being biblically rooted, this intern will agree with and teach according to Youth Haven’s Doctrinal Statement of Faith, as well as Youth Haven’s Statement of Ethical Positions. The intern submits to Scripture as the inspired Word of God and ultimate authority.</p> <p>Being a high energy, creative, and motivating leader, the intern must be flexible and ready to step into any role, task, or project within the ministry as needed. Working with children, this candidate must have excellent verbal and written communication skills specific to engaging children in a fun, creative manner. A written piece or sample of developed children’s content may be requested before being accepted and hired into internship position.</p> <p>In addition, an intern for the children’s programs at Youth Haven must have least two years of previous experience working with children, preferably in ministry. The Youth Haven intern must have completed at least one year in a certified college or university with an academic emphasis in either biblical studies or child development (preferably both). The hiring process for this position will require the intern to complete an employment application and background check, participate in both phone and face-to-face interviews, and provide Youth Haven with four recommendations should both Youth Haven and the intern agree to proceed. It is requested that, for this specific internship, at least one of the four references be from a professor or academic advisor, and at least one reference be from a pastor of the intern’s current or former church.</p>
Intern Responsibilities (specific tasks):	<p>Throughout the course of the internship, the responsibilities of the intern may vary. Creating a schedule of rotating responsibilities will be one of the first projects completed between the intern and Youth Haven supervisor.</p> <p>The candidate’s responsibilities will include rotating through the following specific tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Together with the Youth Haven supervisor, create a calendar of rotating responsibilities with specific internship goals - Assist in the development of seasonal programming themes used during the children’s activities, both on and off site - Begin and see through to completion a relevant special project as agreed upon between intern and Youth Haven supervisor - Handle private and confidential issues in a responsible and professional manner - Assist in developing and overseeing children’s program activities in a safe manner - Serve as a team leader for a group of 6-8 children in situations where an additional staff member is needed - Teach Gospel-centered curriculum to children in mediums such as chapel, devotions, and one-on-one conversations
Compensation:	<p>A qualifying candidate who is accepted into the internship program will receive the benefits of housing, meals when children are present, and a stipend of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per week over the course of the 10-week internship.</p>
<p><i>To apply for an internship at Youth Haven, please use the following link:</i> https://form.jotform.com/youth_haven/employment-app</p> <p><i>*You may attach a cover letter and resume during the process if you desire. We look forward to hearing from you!</i></p>	