

# THE NATURE'S VALLEY TRUST – ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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**Number of Placements:** 1

**Location:** Nature's Valley, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa

**URL:** <http://www.naturesvalleytrust.co.za>

## **Field/Subject Area:**

Open to all York students who meet the eligibility criteria.

## **Position Description:**

The Nature's Valley Trust runs an award winning Environmental Education program, which has focused programs from pre-school to adult learner levels. We run eco-clubs and birding clubs in several schools, and use 20 custom designed outdoor classrooms to take learning outdoors. Our lessons are curriculum integrated and ensure children in our region get exposed to conservation work that impacts their local communities. We also host schools for environment days like World Oceans Day, [Arbor Week](#), Water Week, etc. and occasionally have schools camping with us for 3-5 day programs. Our weekly schedule for our EE program varies. The intern is expected to be out with the program at least 2-3 days a week, with the office time used for preparing programs, updating resources and helping with our social media pages.

## **Specific tasks will include:**

- Assisting in preparation for environmental education events. This includes some resource development, administration, etc.
- Participating in EE events, facilitating lessons/workshops with groups of learners ranging in age from 5-65! These events typically run for half a day, and general take place outdoors in magnificent wilderness settings.
- Helping to promote the EE program on our social media pages.

**Complete all tasks assigned, which includes but is not limited to the responsibilities outlined above.**

**Expected work hours:** 8 hours per day, 5 days per week

### **Qualifications/skills required:**

- Basic administrative and resource development skills (mostly computer based).
- Good facilitatory skills.
- Ability to work well in a team and independently.
- An interest in marine conservation is beneficial, and perhaps some background browsing on the topic of some of our programs.
- An ability to enjoy spending time on the beach, and to have fun!

### **Language requirements:**

English

### **Highlights of Organization/background information:**

The Nature's Valley Trust is a small community driven NPO working at the cutting edge of integrated conservation in South Africa. We operate in four main arenas, namely Conservation, Education, Community and Research. We take a holistic view of people and the environment, and use our four programs to help shape how people live, how they view the world around them, and how they as individuals can contribute to conserving the natural world. Nestled in the magnificent Garden Route, and situated in world renowned Nature's Valley, we are a passionate group of conservationists that aim to make a practical difference with the work we do.

### **Note:**

Accommodation, work related transport, office space, internet and project material is provided for a monthly fee of US\$300.