Volunteering and Internships

The Belize Audubon Society has had a long history with volunteers. After the formation of the Society as a chapter of the Florida Audubon Society in 1969, the Belize Audubon Society's members became very active in environmental education, protected areas management, advocacy and birding field activities. For the first fifteen years of existence, the BAS was the only environmental organization in Belize operated solely by volunteers. They worked closely with the Government of Belize in conservation efforts of Belize's precious natural resources and were instrumental in establishing Belize's first protected areas.

Volunteers and interns are placed under the following programs:

1. Protected Areas Management
2. Biodiversity Research and Monitoring
3. Environmental Education
4. Community Outreach
5. Finance and Administration

Volunteers & Interns

If you have a deep passion for conservation, you've come to the right organization! Our volunteers come with diverse backgrounds and experiences from all over the world and across Belize. All volunteers and interns undergo a selection process and orientation to BAS upon their arrival at the office. Opportunities exist for full immersion into our programs, exposure to new cultures, visiting the comanaged sites, professional development and exploring new activities.

Things to note for Volunteers:

- Belizeans and Foreign nationals are accepted.
- **Expertise accepted**: people who have worked in developing countries, community development, teaching, tourism & marketing, development, small business development, conservation or park management, biodiversity research and monitoring or economics
- **Marine based volunteers**- are required to have dive certification, dive insurance, adequate diving experience and an interest in marine research/monitoring.
- **Terrestrial based volunteers**-are required to be open to rustic accommodations, harsh jungle environment, strenuous labour and should be physically fit.
- **Office based volunteers**-are based at the main office in Belize City.
- Minimum 3 months availability required for foreign nationals. Certain volunteering opportunities may require a longer duration based on the needs of the organization.
- Volunteers are expected to cover all their personal expenses.

Things to note for Interns:

- The objective of our internship program is to enable the intern to provide service to Belize Audubon Society as well as fulfilling their degree criteria, whilst gaining work experience in their program of choice.
- Belizeans and Foreign nationals are accepted.
- Internship opportunities with BAS are focused on our main programs mentioned above with time spent within the office and the field.
- They must be affiliated with an established institution or University. Based on the intern's qualifications, they will be placed in the relevant program.
- Internship period varies from 3 weeks to six months.
- Interns are expected to cover all their personal expenses.