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**THE SOUTH AFRICAN
SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2008**

JUNE 20TH – JULY 18TH 2008





**Internships through Hammer and Chisel Inc.
with Stone Dragon Education**

We at Hammer and Chisel are excited and proud to invite you to apply for our summer internship program to South Africa. Recently Oprah Winfrey highlighted her work with students in South Africa and the building of her Leadership Academy. Now you can be involved on the ground in South Africa and have a similar life changing experience for yourself. Our internships this year are going to be run in partnership with Stone Dragon Education.

Stone Dragon Education was founded in 2001 with a clear commitment to impact the many students in South Africa who are victims of apartheid policy and a culture of entitlement and apathy. Our commitment is to grow a culture of learning and a culture of service within these students. We hope that they can learn, not just about subjects and concepts, but about themselves in a deep life changing way. The result of this learning is a natural desire to reach out to others in service and guide them to learn in the same way.

Recent estimates show that as many as 194,000 students in the Western Cape area are radically disadvantaged in their ability to grow, learn and serve because of a wide variety of problems. Some of these are lack of resources (finances, equipment, space, and basic supplies), poor teachers, poor teaching environments, crime and most importantly hope in themselves. Stone Dragon Education aims to impact this very culture through an assortment of programs from mobile teaching, field camping, field studies center work, leadership development, school consultation and training. **We want to invite you to join us in the dynamic, exciting and important work they are doing!**

The specific work we will be doing is broken into four parts. **The first part of the work is the Mobile teaching program.** This program provides direct support to teachers on the front line in South African schools. The schools you will be working in are disadvantaged. This disadvantage expresses itself in a lack of resources, external support and internal structure. The Mobile program offers much needed aid to schools by taking entire grades and teaching a section of the syllabus for a day. In schools where teachers are burdened with a class ratio as bad as 1 teacher to 60 students, this support is welcomed, appreciated and vital.

The second part of the work will be the running of a winter school. The team, along with volunteers from Stone Dragon, will conduct a winter school for a week where many students from all over the Cape Town area, especially those in underprivileged and under-resourced areas, will be invited to take part. This school would be for free for those participating. The focus of the Winter School week will be on Grade 12 revision and exam preparation in subjects that the intern is competent. Subjects that are a special focus are Math, English, all Sciences, Accounting, Economics, and Business Development. Assistance with revision and exam preparation is invaluable to all of these students who are often in classes where one on one attention and revision are just not possible. Just one week's worth of this sort of attention could make as much as a symbol difference in a student's work (B's becoming A's).

The third part of the work is support and development. This work will take the form of various tasks needed by Stone Dragon that will greatly increase its effectiveness and productivity. For example, Stone Dragon runs as many as 26 camps in a year. The equipment supply, maintenance and repair are monumental tasks and a team would ably support Stone Dragon in doing this work



for them. The team will also repair some of the buildings within which Stone Dragon works, bringing much needed improvements in these areas. During this support part, the team will also engage with the local population in what we call Dragon Family Days. These are community days where a vulnerable and depressed community receives simple, but highly effective support. Some activities include sports coaching, teaching, daycares, displays, school revision and simple plain old fun!

The fourth part of the work is highly specialized – developing teachers in their work.

Specific individuals on the team who have the experience and desire will be asked to conduct specialized workshops for teaching staff (e.g. helping teachers to be better administrators, training principals and school administrators to be more strategic and assisting with problem solving for teachers using coaching methodology). This aspect of the work will be done by invitation and in collaboration with local schools who indicate that they have these needs.

Some fun activities for the intern would include beach visits (Camps Bay, Clifton, and/or Blouberg), craft markets, mall visits (yes some want to do this), a Table Mountain Hike, Kirstenbosch Gardens visit, Robben Island tour, a Cape Town City tour, an optional wine farm tour and a few dinner events. All of the above is included in the cost of the trip.

Stone Dragon Education believes in doing things together. All those who work on the Stone Dragon team will admit to one thing – we are a family. We work hard, play hard, and laugh hard and do all of these often. There is a real sense of deep friendship amongst those who work at Stone Dragon, a depth that can only be described as similar to those who have fought side by side in a conflict: people with camaraderie, who have worked, fought and struggled together and have won the fight. They are people who do not just teach but transform students into learners who serve others. It's not just about communicating INFORMATION, but also about bringing INSPIRATION to others with IMAGINATION and energy.

Come and join us.

Yours Faithfully,

Dorian Botsis
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Trip Details

Dates: June 20th, 2008 – July 18th, 2008 (dates subject to flight availability).

Cost: \$2300 ***excluding*** flights. (Flights vary in price dramatically depending on time of booking)
Additional weeks can be added to (or deducted from) the trip at a cost of \$150/week

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

Medical Information: Immunizations, insurance and coverage is the responsibility of the applicant. Check with your local doctor for details on immunizations.

Optional Extras:

There are a variety of extras for this trip each having their own associated cost. Extras like tours around Cape Town, beach excursions, hikes, evenings out and more. These extras greatly enhance the trip, give you a fuller context and understanding of South Africa's past and present and will shape your thoughts on the experience. For more information on these extras please email interns@hammerchisel.com.

Next Step:

1. Fill out the application form completely and submit it no later than **January 10th, 2008** to Dorian Botsis at interns@hammerchisel.com or via US mail at 32 Meeting House Path, Ashland, MA, 01721.
2. Submit a deposit of 50% (\$1150) in a check made out to Hammer and Chisel Inc. with your application form.

Questions:

Contact Dorian Botsis at interns@hammerchisel.com or 508-202-9506

We are looking forward to working with you.

Yours Faithfully,

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