

Educational Docent Intern

Trap Pond State Park

DELAWARE STATE PARK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



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DESCRIPTION:

Share your enthusiasm and joy of nature and history with the public and children at this lively state park. You will assist with, or lead nature and history based school programs, public programs, and provide customer service, often as the first point of contact with park visitors. Opportunities of this position may also include resource management projects, collating recreational visitor statistics, and preparing educational media materials. The internship provides the candidate with nature-based interpretive experience, public speaking practice and hands-on experience in operation and administration of nature center operations.

LOCATION Trap Pond State Park, Laurel, Delaware

<https://destateparks.com/PondsRivers/TrapPond>

TERM OF SERVICE 3 Months
Minimum of 12 hours per week.

Title: Educational Docent Intern

Term: 3 months, 15 hrs/week, Open Start Date, 2019

Location: Trap Pond State Park, Laurel, Delaware

DESCRIPTION:

Intern will serve as a nature center docent. Intern will assist with environmental and history programs. Intern may also lead environmental education programs for the general public. Other duties as agreed upon.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attends to Nature Center; tours/explanation of exhibits, cleans restrooms, answers phone, answers questions, restocks information brochures and guides and provides direction to park visitors.
- Leads educational programs for park visitors
- May perform program research and design.
- May assist school group education programs during agreed weekdays.
- May lead recreational programming for park visitors
- Other duties as assigned or agreed.

REQUIRED SKILLS

- Appreciation of nature and conservation
- Desire to provide environmental education and interpretive opportunities
- Pleasant and personable.

- Independent and responsible
- Able to stand for long periods or to walk trails accompanying participants
- Able to communicate effectively with a diverse public
- Ability to understand and follow verbal and written instructions
- Attends training and performs duties in compliance with Division and Park Customer Service Guidelines and Safety Guidelines

Preferred Skills

- Knowledge of zoology, botany, or environmental studies.

Schedule: Some weekend work may be required. Weekday work is flexible to intern's schedule.

DIRECT SUPERVISOR

Intern will work directly under Interpretive Programs Manager

BENEFITS

- **Activities:** Interns receive free admission to all Delaware State Parks and the opportunity to attend most programs and activities at no fee.
- **Training:** Interns starting in May can attend Delaware State Parks Interpretive Skills Training. Customer Service and other park trainings may be available during intern's term.
- **Experience:** Experience will be gained in Customer Service, Environmental Education, Natural Resource Management, and Park and Recreation Administration.

All Delaware State Parks Interns are required to undergo and successfully complete a background check performed by the Division.

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