

Environmental Education Intern

Bellevue State Park

DELAWARE STATE PARK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



CLICK HERE TO APPLY: <https://destateparks.com/volunteer/positions>

DESCRIPTION

Share your enthusiasm and joy of cultural history and nature with the public and children at this lively state park. You will lead nature-based school programs daily, public programs on occasion, prepare camp curriculum and resources and provide customer service at park concerts. Opportunities of this position also include historical site-based research, interpretive program design and recreational program design. The internship provides the candidate with both nature-based and historical interpretive experience, public speaking practice and hands-on experience in operation of a concert series including sound technician and administration of a day camp program.

LOCATION

Bellevue State Park, Wilmington, DE

<https://destateparks.com/History/Bellevue>

TERM OF SERVICE

Year Round or 6 months

Full Time 30-35 hours per week

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work as part of a team of naturalists to conduct programming for school-age children
- Lead school groups in nature-based programming
- Provide quality day camp programming for a busy camp program
- Provide assistance at park summer concert series
- Other duties as assigned

REQUIRED SKILLS

- Must be able to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends
- An interest in biology, education or park interpretation.
- Willing to study and learn Delaware natural history and history of Bellevue State Park.
- Able to communicate effectively and speak publicly in front of groups or audiences.
- Public speaking experience (or comfort learning).
- Comfort around school-age children in a camp setting
- Positive attitude in a fast-paced, sometimes hectic environment
- Ability to understand and appreciate the historical context of the program.
- Professional appearance and demeanor, responsible and trustworthy
- Pleasant and personable, enjoys people, good customer service skills
- Works well independently or as a cooperative, contributory team member.
- Presents program as instructed by Park Interpreter, Educator or Nature Center Manager.

- Able to assist with both Indoor and Outdoor programs.
- Able to stand for long periods, walk 2 miles, be active with school-age children.
- Performs duties in compliance with Division and Park Customer Service Guidelines and Safety Guidelines.

DIRECT SUPERVISOR

The direct supervisor will be the Interpretive Program Manager at Bellevue State Park.

BENEFITS

- **Training:** A hallmark of the program, interns receive training from the field experts they will be working with. Includes Seasonal Interpreter Training and FA/CPR. In addition to this formal and informal training to successfully conduct their internship assignment, interns will have the opportunity to build associated skills and share real-time experience with park staff and colleagues. Training will be made available to the interns to further their personal and professional development.
- **Housing:** Limited co-ed housing is available, at no fee, for interns providing full-time hours (30 or more per week). If selected for housing, an intern will share a house, duplex or dorm facility with other interns.
- **Activities:** Interns will have the opportunity not only to visit ALL Delaware State Parks at no fee, but also participate in many of the tours, programs, and associated events for free. Delaware State Parks span the length of the state and whether it be canoeing at Trap Pond State Park, surfing at Delaware Seashore State Park, attending a concert at Bellevue State Park, or touring the living history facility at Fort Delaware, there is certainly something for everyone.
- **Stipend Available:** Interns are not employees of the State of Delaware- they are considered volunteers and are not paid for their service. Interns may elect to receive a stipend to help cover expenses incurred during their volunteer intern service. The stipend is a fixed amount of \$100 per week for service of 30 or more hours per week or \$50.00 per week for service of between 20 – 29 hours/ week paid biweekly as a direct deposit into the Intern’s bank account.
 - The stipend is not a wage, but does count toward the total income on which the intern’s tax obligation is based. Interns electing to receive the stipend will complete IRS Form W-9 Request for Tax-Payer Identification as self-employed and will receive a Form 1099 at the end of the year that reports the amount of income from the stipend. No taxes are withheld from the stipend.

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

TO APPLY: <https://destateparks.com/volunteer/positions>



The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity, and the diversity of its workforce