

Fish & Wildlife Education Intern

DuPont Nature Center

DELAWARE STATE PARK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



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DESCRIPTION

The DuPont Nature Center (DNC) is currently seeking applications for an Environmental Interpretive Assistant. This position is responsible for assisting casual visitors with information on the Delaware Bayshore region. In addition to interacting with the public, this position will assist in facilitating guided tours and educational programming for groups. Aquariums and live animal touch tanks are important teaching tools within the DNC and this position will also assist in maintaining them. Weekend work is required.

LOCATION

DuPont Nature Center - Milford, DE

<http://www.de.gov/dnc>

TERM OF SERVICE

Summer – 16 weeks – Full Time 30 hours per week, early May to start

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Interact with casual visitors and assist them as needed, be a front-line representative of the DNC
- Assist with aquatic education field trip programs
- Assist with the Annual Peace, Love and Horseshoe Crab Festival in May
- Assist with youth and family fishing programs
- Create educational information for print literature
- Care for and maintain live animal tanks; horseshoe crabs, terrapins, fish and shellfish
- Assist in operation and upkeep of the Nature Center and answer phones as needed
- Other duties as assigned

PREFERRED SKILLS

- Knowledge of curriculum development.
- Experience public speaking.
- Ability to work independently.
- Ability to lift 50lbs.
- Ability to swim.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Possession of a valid driver's license.

DIRECT SUPERVISOR

The direct supervisor will be the DNC Manager.

BENEFITS

- **Training:** A hallmark of the program, interns receive training from the field experts they will be working with. 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.

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