



# Youth Involvement – Wildlife Conservation Intern

## Delaware State Parks – Youth Conservation Corps

### DELAWARE STATE PARK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



#### MISSION

The mission of the Delaware State Parks YCC is to engage youth in important conservation and park projects while providing learning that fosters teamwork, self-esteem, social responsibility and respect for the environment. YCC Core components include:

- Practical work experience
- Environmental education and experiences
- Job and/or college preparation
- C.O.R.P.S. - Conservation, Observation, Resources, Professionalism, Service

#### DESCRIPTION

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Educator is a leadership position delivering core environmental education curriculum to all YCC members. This position is one of three, statewide, and will travel to different sites within the designated region to deliver weekly environmental education and awareness presentations and activities. This position will require implementation of a curriculum, design of weekly educational programs and weekly reporting of outcomes. Educator Interns will coordinate educational programs and presentations with YCC Program Manager and work alongside the other YCC team leaders to ensure a comprehensive educational experience for all members. This position will travel to deliver education programs to YCC members weekly. Time not spent in the delivery of education programs will be spent planning, coordinating, and preparing for the next week's program. Regular reporting of outcomes and regular communication and coordination with YCC Program Manager required.

#### Location:

#### STATEWIDE

- Northern - Travel to Parks in New Castle County
- Mid-Region - Travel to Parks and partner sites in Kent County
- Southern - Travel to Parks in Sussex County

*\*\*Travel will be done in a state owned FLEET vehicle. Location will vary within the intern's designated region weekly and will depend upon the location to best suit the curriculum and the members' transportation needs.*

#### Term:

Summer – 12 weeks – Part-time 20-25 hours per week

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with YCC Program Manager to implement education curriculum for the YCC members in accordance with YCC core and C.O.R.P.S. values
- Research and design weekly education programs to YCC members statewide
- Interact with program participants, answering questions, assisting with activities, and ensuring participation opportunity for all members
- Gather materials and set up and clean-up for weekly program.
- Complete weekly program report providing outcomes

- Document member experience via photographs
- Report suggestions and observations.
- Assist in operation of YCC program – may include transporting members to site, assisting in All Corps Days, and serving as extra leadership for field teams
- Assist in coordination of All Corps Days and End of Program Celebration
- Other tasks as assigned and agreed upon.

#### REQUIRED SKILLS

- Ability to engage and motivate group of diverse 16 – 21 year old participants.
- Ability to develop and implement environmental educational programs based on a curriculum designed by YCC Management Staff
- Appreciation and understanding of the natural environment.
- Interest in history of the local area and understanding of historical research methods.
- Understanding of educational principles and techniques- experience in teaching or educational programming helpful
- Pleasant and personable. Relates well with people, particularly youth participants.
- Independent and responsible
- Able to assist with both Indoor and Outdoor programs
- Able to stand for long periods or to walk trails accompanying participants
- Able to communicate effectively with a diverse public
- Able to speak publicly in front of groups or audiences
- 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
- Must possess a valid driver's license and good driving record

#### DIRECT SUPERVISOR

The direct supervisor will be the YCC Program Manager.

#### 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>



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