

# Outdoor Summer Camp Intern

## Trap Pond State Park

DELAWARE STATE PARK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



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### DESCRIPTION:

Want to ignite a lifelong appreciation of the outdoors in young children? Looking for a way to share your love for the natural world? In this position you will have the opportunity to! As a part of the Trap Pond State Park Nature Camp/ Environmental Education Team, you will be working with pre-school and school-aged children in summer camps, outdoor environmental education programs and specialty / recreational programs. In this position interns will be an integral part of our camp team and be expected to take on leadership roles. As an intern, you will receive summer camp and first aid training. Summer camp can be a physically demanding activity, requiring long hours outside in the heat of the summer. Some weekend and evening work will also be required.

### LOCATION

Trap Pond State Park, Laurel, Delaware

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

### TERM OF SERVICE

Summer – 12 weeks – Full time 30-35 hours per week

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Leads day camp programs for elementary age day campers
- 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 lead recreational programming for park visitors
- Other tasks as assigned

### REQUIRED SKILLS

- Experience in child care or education
- 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

- Weekends, holidays, and evenings required.

#### PREFERRED SKILLS

- Knowledge of zoology, botany, or environmental studies.

#### DIRECT SUPERVISOR

Intern will work directly under the Day Camp Director for Trap Pond 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.

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