

Park and Volunteer Management Intern

Bellevue State Park

DELAWARE STATE PARK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



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DESCRIPTION

Interns in this position will be the “face” of Bellevue State Park. Interns will work directly with staff, customers, and volunteers on a daily basis, often serving as people’s first point of contact at Bellevue. Park Management Interns will assist with the environmental stewardship plans, office work, park projects, special events, VolunTeen summer program and volunteer groups. Interns will gain experience in managing park projects, report writing, coordinating volunteer projects, handling money, taking and managing reservations, and customer service. They will also take on a number of projects and a leadership role in the park.

Location

Bellevue State Park, Wilmington, DE

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Term - 4 months – Full Time – 30-35 hours per week

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Take the lead on specific park projects, including the environmental stewardship plan.
- Serve as the public’s first point of contact through face-to-face interaction and phone calls
- Assist with park maintenance, events, programming and planning
- Assist in taking reservations, handling money and scheduling, completing and submitting reports
- Work with the park Volunteer Manager and assist in the planning and supervision of volunteer groups and projects

REQUIRED SKILLS

- Must be able to work flexible hours, including weekends and special events
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to work alone with little direct supervision
- Prior customer service and money handling experience a plus
- Have a valid driver’s license
- Leadership skills

DIRECT SUPERVISOR

The direct supervisor will be the Park Superintendent and Volunteer 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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