

Naturalist Educator Intern

Position Description - 2012-2013 Season

River Bend Nature Center

- Position:** Naturalist Educator Intern (4)
Status: Temporary, Full-time, 40 hours per week including some weekends
Benefits: \$200 stipend per week plus housing in nearby offsite 4 bedroom house; extensive training and professional development, funds for classes or conference, two weeks paid vacation.
Duration: September 4, 2012 through May 24, 2013
Deadline: April 30, 2012 or until filled
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Lead elementary through middle school field experiences, work with public programming, and participate in all aspects of the nature center operations on 750 acres of woods, prairie, and wetlands in southeastern Minnesota. A well-defined, diverse curriculum offers a progression of hands-on learning experiences and professional growth opportunities. These experiences help interns develop a foundation in interpretation, gain confidence as an outdoor educator, grow in understanding the natural world, learn skills in program development, experience managing independent projects, receive exposure to land management operations, work with volunteers, participate in special events, contribute to newsletters, design brochures and displays, and interact with the general public.

Ideal Qualifications

We seek enthusiastic and hard working individuals with a passion for teaching and working with people. College graduates, or students with a minimum of three years college study, are encouraged to apply. General familiarity with the natural environment is a plus, however our training will incorporate local natural history. Some experience leading groups in an outdoor setting is helpful. Effective written and oral communication skills are a must. Willingness to work flexible hours as needed. Applicants should have the ability to work independently and cooperatively as part of a small staff team. International student applications will only be considered if the person is already in the U.S. and legally able to perform the internship.

Application Procedure

Please send résumé, contact information for three references, and a thoughtful letter of application stating why you are interested in the position to:

Barbara Hurley, Program Coordinator

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Check out our web site (www.rbnc.org) for more information.