

Environmental Education Internship at DeVries Nature Conservancy (May - August)



Are you looking for an internship that will allow you to showcase your creativity, adventurous spirit, and love of nature? Spend your summer outdoors at DeVries Nature Conservancy! We are looking for an intern that will spend at least 10 weeks assisting with our school field trips, summer nature camps, and public events. This position will also assist in preparing the children's garden and natural playscape area for the summer. The intern will work primarily with the Education Team, and on occasion the Office Manager, Groundskeeper, and Executive Director. This position is great for anyone going into education or environmental science career fields!



Duties include but are not limited to:

- Lead engaging lessons for field trips and classroom groups, prepare activity materials
- Plan and lead nature storytime programs for toddlers: reading stories and making arts and crafts
- Assist in planning and implementation of nature-based summer camp programs
- Provide supervision to summer campers
- Prepare materials for camps, including crafts, activities, and more
- Take care of our education animals, i.e. feeding and watering turtles and amphibians
- Prepare and maintain the children's garden, i.e. pulling weeds, planting seeds, painting the garden beds, watering plants, etc
- Nature Playscape upkeep, i.e. helping to keep inventory of kids' toys, repainting pieces as needed
- Organize and attend other community events such our Birds of Prey and Movie Night under the Stars events

Requirements:

- Must be comfortable working with children.
- Must be self-directed, be able to work well with others and alone, and have good organizational skills.
- Knowledge of the outdoors and a passion for animals and the environment is a plus.
- Experience or willingness to learn skills such as gardening, plant identification, animal identification, etc. is a must.
- Must have the ability to adapt to help around DeVries as needed.
- Must be able to pass a background check and have CPR/First Aid certification, or be willing to complete a certification class provided by DeVries.

Preferred Timeline: At least 10 weeks, May 4th start date with flexible end date in mid to late August, 35-40 hours a week. May include some evenings and weekends.

To Apply: Email a resume, transcript, and cover letter to our Environmental Education Coordinator, Brittany Rawza, at brawza@devriesnc.org

