



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Environmental Education Intern Program



Are you looking for a dynamic Intern experience? Looking to improve your resume to be more competitive in the job market? Looking to work with and learn from professionals in the environmental education and natural resources fields? Wanting to gain hands-on, real world experience teaching outdoors as well as in a classroom setting? Are you available a few hours a week, a day a week, an entire semester or an entire summer? Then our **Intern Program** is for you!

Location: *Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge & Wetland Management District (Refuge/WMD)* in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan area is just down the street from the Mall of America but is a haven to bald eagles, river otters, migratory birds, and a variety of other wildlife. The Refuge comprises over 14,000 acres which lie in multiple main Units along a 34-mile stretch of the Minnesota River. The habitat is a mixture of wetlands, floodplain and upland forest, oak savanna and prairie.

Duties: *Interns will gain hands on, real world experience* working with and assisting professional education staff in a diversity of tasks including: curriculum development, program presentations, leading education activities, Partner School Program development, assisting with Teacher Workshops, and assisting with public special events.

Benefits: *Stipends + College Credit + Possible Free Housing*

Free housing may be available in a new dorm located amidst the prairie of our Rapids Lake Unit in Jordan, Minnesota. Although government vehicles will be provided for official duties, a personal vehicle is needed for non-duty activities. **Stipend** of \$100 per week. **College Credit** if you need to fulfill internship credit requirements at individual universities, including assigning independent projects.



Qualifications: *Interested applicants* should have excellent verbal/writing skills, be able to work with the public and students from a diversity of backgrounds, be able to work independently or in small groups, and have course work and/or an interest in environmental education, working with K-12 students, natural resources or a related field. Basic computer skills and a valid driver's license are required. More than one Intern position may be filled.

To Apply: *The following must be received by February 15, 2009:* 1) a one-page cover letter describing personal background and interests, 2) a detailed resume noting education, experience, and skills, 3) unofficial college transcripts, 4) two letters of recommendation including the name, affiliation, address, telephone, and e:mail address of each person writing a letter.

Information should be sent to: **Beth Ullenberg, Supervisory Park Ranger**
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