



Minnesota Valley NWR/WMD 2009 Resource Management Internships

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 along a 34-mile stretch of the Minnesota River. The habitat is a mixture of wetlands, floodplain and upland forest, oak savanna and prairie. The Refuge also manages a 14 county wetland management district which includes over 29 Waterfowl Production Areas and numerous habitat easements encompassing more than 6,000 acres.

Duties: Interns will assist in a diversity of Refuge management activities which may include waterfowl and shorebird surveys, invertebrate and plant monitoring, water level management, invasive species control, amphibian monitoring, trail maintenance, duck banding, public education, posting boundaries, etc. Interns will work with Refuge staff, other interns and Refuge volunteers.



Benefits: Housing may be provided in a dorm located amidst the prairie of our Rapids Lake Unit in Carver, Minnesota. Although government vehicles will be provided for official duties, a personal vehicle is recommended for non-duty activities. The internship will generally run 12 weeks from late May-August, with the intern being paid a stipend of at least \$100 per week. Work schedule will be 40 hours per week and may include occasional evenings/weekends. Staff will work with students to fulfill internship credit requirements at universities, including assigning independent projects.



Qualifications: Interested applicants should be physically fit, able to work independently or in small groups, have excellent verbal/writing skills, and have a background in biology, botany, forestry, ecology, or a related field. Basic computer skills and a valid driver's license are required. Experience in operating canoes, ATV's, farm equipment, mowers, and GPS and GIS should be noted on resume.

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: **Vicki Sherry, Wildlife Biologist, Minnesota Valley NWR, 3815 American Blvd East, Bloomington, MN 55425.** Candidate selection will be made by April. For additional information contact Vicki Sherry at (952) 858-0723 or vicki_sherry@fws.gov, or <http://midwest.fws.gov/minnesotavalley>.