



INTERNSHIP POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



Position Title: Visitor Services Intern

Location: Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Folkston, Georgia USA

Agency: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, U.S. Federal Government

Position Description: This internship will provide valuable training in a fun, unique setting for those interested in a ranger/interpretation/environmental education/natural sciences career. The intern will gain experience planning, assisting, and leading interpretive and environmental education programs, working with students and public, and the day-to-day operations of a visitor center. The intern will work on special projects which include developing new programs, creating instructional materials, designing exhibits, assisting with public events, and other duties as assigned. Opportunities to learn about refuge wildlife and assist with other refuge operations will also be provided.

Required Skills and Experience: Applicant should be majoring in or have experience in a field related to education, recreation or natural resources.

Applicant should also possess:

- a great attitude and a willingness to work hard and try new things;
- good interpersonal communications, writing skills, and public speaking skills with the ability to present a positive image to the public;
- the interest and ability to plan and present effective interpretive and environmental education programs to diverse audiences;
- basic knowledge of the natural environment;
- ability to understand and relate to the public the purpose of this refuge, the National Wildlife Refuge System, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
- a valid driver's license.

Time Commitment: 8 hours/day, 5 days/week, 2- 6 months. May involve weekend/holiday work.

Benefits and Training: Interesting hands-on experience in interpretation and environmental education that will make the intern more qualified for future positions in the ranger/interpretive/ environmental education field. Housing, uniforms and a stipend of \$120.00/week will be provided. An orientation about the refuge and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, educational techniques, government career counseling, and other training will be provided. There will also be many opportunities to explore the special Okefenokee Swamp, southeast Georgia and northeast Florida.

Number of Positions: One to two per quarter

Start Date: Variable- Interns are needed throughout the year

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