

Island Keeper Intern (Education and Visitor Services)

Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge

Location: Norwalk, Connecticut

Duration: May 20th to August 16th 2019

Job Description: The Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge is seeking enthusiastic individuals to spend their summer on islands on beautiful coastal Connecticut while gaining valuable, well-rounded experience working in the natural resource field. Duties include, but are not limited to, interacting with the public by conducting natural and cultural history tours, leading educational programs for youth and camp groups, assisting with island maintenance projects, invasive plant management, wildlife and vegetation surveys, site monitoring and boat operations.

Details: Internships will begin on May 20th and continue until mid-August (approximate end date is the 16th). Schedules will be 40 hours per week, but will vary frequently in the length of day and start time (on rare occasions days off may not be consecutive). Interns may be assigned to live in a rustic setting on islands and/or on a houseboat. In this case showers, food shopping, and laundry must be done on the mainland. Incumbent will receive 80 hours of training in motor boat operations, first aid, visitor services, biological operations, safety and maintenance procedure.

Qualifications: Applicants must have the ability to perform the physical duties of the position including being able to work in all kinds of weather, over different types of terrain, in areas with poison ivy, and with ticks and other biting insects. Applicants must be able to work with minimal supervision, be very independent and flexible, be able to work with the public of all ages in a professional manner, have their own vehicle, and possess a valid U. S. driver's license. Previous experience with environmental education, wildlife identification and work in a field camp setting is preferred.

Salary: A small living allowance of \$190.00/week will be provided.

To Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for at least 3 references (must include email and phone number) by February 15th, 2019 via email to: Shaun_Roche@fws.gov. In the subject line, please enter "Island Keeper Intern" and the first letter of your first name followed by your full last name. All application material should be titled similarly. Please do not send applications by mail. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and possible job offers will be made before February 15. Please submit your application as soon as possible.

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