



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

2014 Intern Program

Visitor Services / Park Ranger



Are you looking for a dynamic work experience that includes public interaction, natural resource conservation, environmental education and outdoor recreation? Do you have good communication skills? If you answered “yes” to any of these, then our **Visitor Services Intern Program** is for you!

Location: *Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge* in the heart of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan area is a haven to bald eagles, river otters, migratory birds, and a variety of other wildlife. The Refuge has two Education & Visitors Centers, gateways to over 14,000 authorized acres, offering a variety of free outdoor recreational experiences for individuals and families. The main Center is located in Bloomington, just east of the Mall of America, on the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit line.



Duties: *Interns will gain hands on, real world experience* working with and assisting professional interpretive and visitor services staff in a variety of tasks. The main tasks include staffing the Bloomington Education & Visitor Center and assisting with environmental education programs, however, there will be opportunities to gain experience at both Centers. The schedule will include weekend duties and requires a minimum of 16 and maximum of 40 hours/week between 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Positions are available starting in January 2014.



Benefits: *Academic Credit* to fulfill internship requirements. *Free housing* may be available in our Rapids Lake Unit dorm near Jordan, Minnesota. *Stipend* of \$100/week may be available for full-time interns.

Qualifications: *Interested applicants* should have excellent communication skills, be able to work independently or in small groups, and have course work and an interest in interpretation, environmental education, recreation planning, natural resources or a related field. Basic computer skills and a valid driver’s license are required.

To Apply: *The following must be received by March 10, 2014:* 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 email address of each person writing a letter.

Information should be sent to: **Judy Geck, Visitor Services Specialist**
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