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# Environmental Education Partner School Teaching Practicum

Are you looking for a dynamic internship experience? Hoping 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 at least 3-days per week? Then our **Partner School Teaching Practicum** 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 15,000 acres which lie in multiple Units that total 70 miles along 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 environmental education staff and student teachers in a diversity of tasks including curriculum development, leading education activities in the classroom and outdoors, assisting with Educator Workshops, and assisting with program management.

**Benefits:** *Stipend + College Credit + Free Housing*

Free housing and a monthly stipend are available to practicum interns. Government vehicles will be provided for official duties. **Refuge staff will work with your college to ensure you meet the requirements needed to complete internship or student teaching credit.**



**Qualifications:** *Interested applicants* should have excellent verbal/written skills, be able to work with the public and students from a diversity of backgrounds, strong ability to work both independently and in small groups, and have course work and/or an interest in environmental K-12 education, natural resources or a related field. Basic computer skills and a valid driver's license are required. You do not have to be currently enrolled in a University program to be eligible!

Multi-season and full school-year internships are preferred, however, candidates will also be considered on a one season option. Start dates are as follows:

**Fall Season: Sept. 6    Winter Season: Jan. 3    Spring Season: March 1**

**To Apply for a Partner School Internship:** *Please submit the following:* 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 number, and e:mail address of each reference.

**Inquiries and Application Packages to:**

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