

Position Title: Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Internship

Number of Positions: 3

Housing: Housing is available and may be provided subject to availability and the particular needs and circumstances of each intern. As a result of recent changes in United States Fish and Wildlife (FWS) policy, there will be NO living allowance; however, some Universities may provide college credits for this internship. It is recommended that applicants discuss receiving college credits with their respective institutions.

Location: Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Basking Ridge, NJ

Dates of Employment: On or around May 16 - August 5, 2016 (12 weeks, 40 hours per week)

Qualifications: Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age, have the ability to work independently and as part of a team, and have good physical ability. Must have a valid driver's license and personal vehicle, though a government vehicle will be provided for official duties. Bachelor's degree (or pursuing) in wildlife science, parks and recreation, environmental resources management, outdoor education, horticulture, forestry, environmental resource management, or related field is required. Field work experience preferred, such as 1) working with threatened & endangered species; 2) controlling invasive plants and planting native vegetation; 3) operating landscaping/power tools (i.e., weed whacker, lawn mower, cordless drill, etc.); 4) working on public use improvement projects; 5) conducting biological surveys (e.g., acoustic surveys for bats); 6) mapping vegetation; and/or 7) conducting radio-telemetry. Experience with global positioning systems (GPS), vegetation identification, geographic information systems (GIS), and working with the public a plus. Applicants must have strong communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills to ensure that assigned tasks are completed in a thorough, timely, and professional manner.

Duties: Interns will work closely with staff and volunteers to monitor wildlife populations, maintain refuge grounds and facilities, manage habitats, and provide administrative and visitor services support. Work may include, but is not limited to: 1) Assisting in the chemical and manual control of invasive plant species, mapping locations of invasive plants, conducting habitat restoration activities, and monitoring new plantings in restored habitats; 2) Conducting acoustic surveys for bats, monitoring bat boxes, participating in turtle conservation work and other wildlife surveys (i.e., amphibians, fish, waterfowl, migratory birds, etc.); and 3) Assisting with trail maintenance, duck banding, visitor services activities, general grounds and facility maintenance, and public use improvements. Interns may have the opportunity to work at the Raptor Trust, a bird rehabilitation center adjacent to the Refuge and at other refuges that comprise the Refuge Complex, Walkkill River, Cherry Valley, and Shawangunk Grasslands NWRs. The work schedule will be standard Monday through Friday 8-hours per day with Federal holidays off. Occasional weekend and some evening work will be required. Although these positions are being offered as non-paid internships, potential applicants should take into consideration the experiences and professional relationships gained over the course of the program.

How to Apply: Please send a letter of interest, resume, and a list of three references with phone numbers and e-mail addresses to the address below. The preferred method of receipt of the application package is email. Please note in the subject line "Refuge Intern".

Closing Date: January 22, 2016

Contact Person: Dorothy Wells

Address: USFWS Great Swamp NWR, 241 Pleasant Plains Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Telephone: 973-425-1222 Ext. 158

E-mail: Send application to Dorothy_Fecske@fws.gov AND Dorothy_Wells@fws.gov

Note: If your application is not sent to BOTH e-mail addresses above, there is a chance that it WILL NOT BE RECEIVED!