

Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge



2016 Internship Opportunities

Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge has valuable and stimulating internship opportunities for the upcoming summer season. Interns will work side by side with educated professions as they learn the ins-and-outs of the wildlife management field. Many opportunities exist for you to join other interns and observe what they are doing as well. Something new is happening at the refuge just about every day, so why not take advantage of this great learning experience? An internship at Forsythe is the perfect way to start off an exciting and rewarding career! Free dormitory style housing is available. These are unpaid internships. We will work with you to obtain college credit if your college offers this opportunity.

**Fax or email resume by February 10 to: Sandy Perchetti, Volunteer Coordinator, sandy_perchetti@fws.gov
www.fws.gov/northeast/forsythe 609-652-1665**

Environmental Education Internship

Up to two full time interns, March 1 through August 31. Education intern(s) will assist the Visitor Services Specialist and Visitor Services Manager with environmental education and interpretive programming at the refuge headquarters in Oceanville, NJ. May be required to work weekends, particularly in summer. Intern(s) will provide interpretation and information to promote visitor activities, assist with visiting school groups, and staff the refuge Visitor Information Center. Some days during the summer, intern(s) may be stationed on the beach at the edge of a designated Wilderness area on Long Beach Island, NJ to greet visitors and promote a greater understanding of the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and the importance of its Holgate Unit. Intern will also occasionally assist wildlife biologists with projects such as saltmarsh inventory, bird surveys and Canada goose banding. We will consider part time or part-time transitioning to full time for the right candidate.

A college degree with a background in environmental education, interpretation, public affairs, environmental studies or natural resources is desirable. In your resume, be sure to highlight your experience in working with children and knowledge of natural history, as well as your birding, computer, and public speaking skills. Ability to tolerate the sun, heat, cold, wind, biting bugs, and humidity is a necessity.

Outreach Internship

Wednesdays through Sundays, May 21 through September 1. Outreach intern will be stationed on the beach at the edge of a designated Wilderness area on Long Beach Island, NJ to greet visitors and promote a greater understanding of the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and the importance of its Holgate Unit. As one of New Jersey's last undeveloped barrier beaches, Holgate is an important and productive area for beach-nesting birds—including three New Jersey State endangered beach-nesting bird species: the least tern, black skimmer, and the piping plover. Intern will provide interpretation and information to promote visitor activities, public stewardship of the refuge's biodiversity and foster support of wilderness lands and endangered species. Intern will also prepare and present interpretive walks and environmental education activities. One day a week, intern will help wildlife biologists with projects such as Saltmarsh inventory and Canada goose banding.

A Junior, Senior, recent graduate, or graduate student with background in environmental education, interpretation, public affairs, environmental studies or natural resources is desirable. In your resume, be sure to highlight your knowledge of natural history as well as your birding, computer, and public speaking skills. Ability to tolerate the sun, heat, cold, wind, biting bugs, and humidity is a necessity.

Biological Internship

Two full-time interns needed to assist with biological field work. Data collection will follow standardized wildlife inventory / monitoring procedures and may include: vegetation surveys, waterbird surveys, invertebrate sampling, and bathymetry surveys. Other tasks include bird banding, invasive plant species inventory, mapping and eradication. Interns may mechanically, biologically, and chemically control invasive plant species within the refuge boundary and monitor areas treated. In addition, assist with water level management actions within refuge impoundments. Other duties as assigned include, but not limited to data entry and editing, predator control, environmental education, maintenance, construction, and office assistance.

Interns may be working long and variable hours in adverse conditions. Applicants must be in good physical condition, possess valid driver's license, be able to use kayak, canoe and/or other small non-motorized boats, have good communication and organizational skills, ability to work well with others, live in close quarters, and be an enthusiastic field worker. Work vehicle and equipment provided. Familiarity with field research techniques, data collection procedures, and computer skills helpful.