

Environmental Education Teaching Practicum Internship

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Teaching Practicum Interns will gain hands-on, real world experiences working with and assisting professional environmental education staff in a variety of tasks including curriculum development, leading K-6th grade education programs in the classroom and outdoors, and maintaining educational resources. Additional opportunities exist to assist the refuge Visitor Services team with special events and public programming.



Location: Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge & Wetland Management District (Refuge/WMD)

headquarters in Bloomington and Carver are close to the busy metropolitan area of the Twin Cities. The wildlife refuge 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 totaling 70 miles along the Minnesota River. The habitat is a mixture of wetlands, floodplain and upland forest, oak savanna and prairie.

Benefits: This is a paid experience supported by the non-profit organization Refuge Friends, Inc. Interns are provided professional development and training opportunities with conservation and education partners throughout Minnesota. Free housing may be available near Carver.

Qualifications: Interested applicants should have excellent verbal/written skills, be able to work with the public and students from diverse backgrounds and possess a strong ability to work both independently and in small groups. Work and/or an interest in environmental education, natural resources or a related field is preferred. Basic computer skills and a valid driver's license are required. Applicants do not have to be currently enrolled in a university program to be eligible.

Full school-year (September-May) internships are available, however, candidates may be considered for a one or two season option. We have an opening for spring season, March-the first week in June.

To apply for a Teaching Practicum Internship: Please submit the following by January 30, 2018

1) one-page cover letter describing personal background and interests, 2) detailed resume noting education, experience, skills and references 3) unofficial college transcripts.

Send application packages to:

Refuge Friends Inc.
Attn: Practicum Program
3815 American Blvd E
Bloomington, MN 55425

Or email applications and inquiries to:

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Call 612-246-0337 for more information.