



INTERNSHIP POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



Position Title: Education and Visitor Services Intern

Location: Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, Grosse Ile, MI

Agency: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, U.S. Federal Government

Position Description: This internship will provide valuable training in a unique, urban setting for those interested in an interpretation/environmental education/natural sciences career. The intern will gain experience planning, assisting, and leading interpretive and environmental education programs, working with students and the general public, and the day-to-day operations and administrative functions of a dynamic visitor services program. The intern will work on special projects which include developing new programs, creating instructional materials, designing exhibits, assisting with public events, and other duties as assigned. Opportunities to learn about refuge wildlife and assist with other refuge operations will also be provided.

Required Skills and Experience: Applicant should be majoring in or have experience in a field related to education, recreation, biology, or natural resources.

Applicants should also possess:

- A great attitude and a willingness to work hard and try new things
- Good interpersonal communications, writing skills, and public speaking skills with the ability to present a positive image to the public
- The interest and ability to plan and present effective interpretive and environmental education programs to diverse audiences
- Basic knowledge of the natural environment
- Ability to understand and relate to the public the purpose of this refuge, the National Wildlife Refuge System, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- A valid driver's license

Time Commitment: Variable. Hours and dates are flexible and dependent on course schedule. A minimum of 15 hours/week and maximum of 40 hours/week, 2-6 months in duration is preferable. Position will include evening/weekend work.

Benefits and Training: Interesting hands-on experience in interpretation and environmental education that will make the intern more qualified for future positions in the naturalist/interpretive/environmental education/outdoor recreation planner field. Materials, equipment, uniforms, and on-site transportation will be provided. A small stipend may be available for qualified individuals. Applicants are responsible for providing their own housing and transportation to the job. An orientation about the refuge and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, educational techniques, government career counseling, and other training will be provided. There will also be many opportunities to explore the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the *only* international wildlife refuge in the nation.

Start Date: Variable. Interns are needed throughout the year, typically on a quarterly basis. Example schedule: March – May, June – August, September – November.

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