

**Title:** Environmental Education Intern

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Location:** Chester, VA

**Job Description:** The position requires a skilled environmental educator to lead middle to high school students of the James River Ecology School, as well as be caretaker of the tree nursery at Presquile National Wildlife Refuge, a 1,329-acre island in the James River. Selectee provides public use programming and technical field support to the refuges within the Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

**Duties:** serves as agency representative with a team of educators leading and coordinating day, multi-day and overnight environmental education programs at the James River Ecology School; maintains a fully operational tree nursery to support reforestation project; assists biologists/wildlife refuge specialist with plant and animal surveys (bald eagles, bats, prothonotary warblers, etc.); conducts non-native vegetation mapping and removal projects: including herbicide application, data entry and management, GPS/ GIS; in addition to working with FWS staff, works with a wide range of partners, including State agencies, universities, non-profit organizations, and volunteers.; administers inventories, organizes files, and manages materials, tools and supplies; maintains grounds and operates small equipment to support infrastructure needs and assist biological programs; works independently and in groups.

**Anticipated task distribution**

60% Public Use (Ecology School programming)

30% Botany (Tree nursery and non-native management) & Biology (Surveys, I & M)

10% Maintenance (Grounds keeping, building support)

**Qualifications:** Knowledge and experience with youth outdoor education; knowledge of silviculture, wildlife biology, conservation biology, or natural resource management; B.S. preferred. MOCC certified preferred, strong comfort in and around boats and rivers; Ability to work independently and with a team; Enthusiasm for connecting youth with nature, positive attitude, self-starter, physically fit (able to lift min. of 50 lbs). Personal transportation required for local non-work travel. Valid driver's license required.

**Salary/Housing:** Max. \$177/wk. stipend, paid bi-weekly. Higher rate paid last two months. Remote on-island housing provided without cost in newly renovated, net-zero energy building.

**Time Period:** March 15, 2015 through Nov. 11, 2015 includes some weekends, early morning/late evenings, not to exceed 40 hours per week.

**Documentation Needed:** cover letter, resume, contact information including email addresses of three references due by Feb 18th

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