

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Piping Plover/Least Tern Intern

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge

Work with refuge staff on the management of beach nesting/roosting birds (80%): primarily monitoring piping plover nesting activities, including dawn and dusk chick watches, monitoring least tern nesting activities, developing and delivering outreach programs to beach users, and providing general beach bird conservation outreach. Other duties include occasionally assisting visitors in our contact station, conducting wildlife surveys, assisting with salt marsh research, and controlling invasive plants.

Must be able to work under difficult climatic conditions, including hot and insect infested environments. Must be able to walk long distances on sand. Must possess valid driver's license. Required to work many weekends and all holidays.

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge protects more than 5,600 acres of predominately coastal marsh in southern Maine. Refuge lands are rich in diverse habitats and wildlife. Annually, over 260,000 visitors participate in hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

Internships last 12-weeks (40 hr/week) beginning mid-May through September. Starting dates are negotiable.

College credit available. Arrange details with your university/college, and state your intention in your cover letter.

Salary/Housing:

\$200 per week living allowance for qualified applicants. Communal, co-ed government housing may be available or intern may provide own housing within commuting distance of Wells, ME.

To Apply

Submit:

- (1) An updated résumé. All employers and references must include current telephone numbers.
- (2) Two references who can represent your academic and/or work experience.
- (3) Written statements addressing the Qualifications and Requirements below.
- (4) Current college course transcript.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Address packet to:
Internship Coordinator
Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090.

Applications must be postmarked by
January 30, 2016

Qualifications and Requirements:

1. Knowledge of wildlife biology, ecology, conservation biology and environmental education through course work and/or experience.
2. Ability to speak to the public about wildlife conservation and management in formal and informal settings and the ability to communicate effectively in writing.
3. Ability to identify Maine birds, particularly shorebirds and terns.
4. Ability to work both independently and as a member of a team.
5. A passion for wildlife conservation, a strong work ethic, and a good attitude.

For additional information please call the Refuge Office at (207) 646-9226 or send an email to kate_obrien@fws.gov



Least tern adult and chicks
by Kaiti Titherington



Piping plover chick by
Jim Fenton