

Asbury Woods

Title of the position: Naturalist Intern
Location: Asbury Woods Nature Center, Erie PA
Application Deadline: Open, until position is filled

Dates: Spring internships may be completed March - May 2018
Summer internships may be completed May – August 2019

Position overview:

For students who are pursuing the degrees in the fields of environmental science, art, education or natural sciences and are NOT completing degree requirements for teacher education, this internship option is for you. Interns will have the opportunity to learn about planning and developing environmental educational programming for everyone from preschoolers to adults. Interns will also be involved with preparing for and implementing a variety of educational events throughout the seasons, caring for the Center's educational animals, assisting with maintenance of our trails, grounds and gardens. Interns will learn about the practices and day to day operations of a busy nature center. Internships in this category are available during the spring (March- May) and summer (May – August) to current students. These volunteer positions are for current students who are completing an internship to fulfill graduation requirements for their degrees. The number of hours and weeks required is negotiable per your school's program requirements.

Qualifications:

1. Students pursuing Bachelor's degree in education, environmental education, natural sciences, or biology or a related field.
2. Background or strong interest in biology, environmental education, botany or related field.
3. Experience interacting with members of the public in a professional or educational setting.

Supervision: Naturalist interns are supervised by the Asbury Woods Partnership Education and Visitor Services Manager

Performance responsibilities:

1. Develop and present public and group programs on environmental topics for adults and children.
 2. Staff Welcome Center and assist visitors in the nature center, answer phones, and ring up sales in the gift shop.
 3. Care for live animals on exhibit including feeding animals and cleaning cages. Training will be provided.
 4. Maintain supplies needed for programs and exhibits.
 5. Work with other naturalists as a team to maintain daily operation of the nature center seven days a week.
 6. Assist with maintenance and landscaping, as needed.
 7. Work with staff and volunteers in presenting programs and maintaining live animal exhibits.
 8. Supervise and work with children during nature camp extended care on an as needed basis.
 9. Any other duties as assigned by the AWP Education Manager.
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 2. Ability to communicate effectively to the public.

Evaluation: Performance will be evaluated by the Director of Education

Application Process: To apply for the naturalist intern position, please email a cover letter and resume and contact information for 3 references to Kelley Lang, klang@asburywoods.org. Only submissions received electronically will be considered.