



Summer Internship – Summer Education Programs

Position Summary: The goal of this full-time, seasonal position is to develop skills to become environmentally responsible mentors for the urban Milwaukee community. Interns will experience the full scope of Urban Ecology Center summer education programming at both our Washington Park and Riverside Park branches, including: 1) co-teaching week-long, camper-directed summer camps, 2) leading urban outdoor recreation programs, 3) serving as mentors to high school interns, 4) assisting with visitors and community programs and 5) other projects as needed.

Qualifications: Working toward or completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree in natural sciences, education, environmental education or a related area. Experience with a broad range of ages is desirable, including child care, trip leading and other camp/outdoor experience. Proven experience with urban youth and the ability to speak Spanish is a plus. Lifeguard certification required (see below). A clean driving record and willingness to drive a 14-passenger bus is strongly encouraged. Canoe training and/or water safety certificates are a plus. Physical ability with reasonable accommodation required for various activities, such as carrying and paddling canoes or hiking for a full day.

Compensation: \$2,000

Closing dates: Applications are being accepted immediately and are processed on a rolling basis, so early application is strongly encouraged. Final application deadline is Sunday April 1, 2012, and applicants should be notified by mid-April.

Internship duration: Wednesday, June 6, through Friday, August 17, 2012

Primary Responsibilities

Work with diverse Summer Educational Programs to mentor program participants of all ages.

These programs include:

• Summer Camps

- Work closely with Environmental Educators to develop and teach camper-centered activities for summer camp students
- Oversee and plan camper activities during before- and after-camp sessions
- Prepare materials for summer educational activities

• Urban Adventures

- Work closely with Urban Adventures Coordinator to plan and lead outdoor recreation programs for youth and adults
- Assist with rock-climbing, canoeing, hiking, and other outdoor and nature related programs
- Assist with equipment repair and maintenance as needed

- **Community Programs**

- Assist in instructing and mentoring children participating in evening and weekend programs, including the Young Scientist Club
- Lead adults and children participating in family workshops, volunteer and service learning activities
- Welcome and help provide meaningful connections and experiences to visitors from the neighborhood.

Training: On-site training for all the above is ongoing throughout the internship. Lifeguard certification should be completed by the interns before June 6. If you would like to arrange certification through the Ecology Center, please let us know.

Reports to: School Program Coordinator

The Urban Ecology Center serves a socially and culturally diverse audience. We strive to build a team of employees with similar richness in culture and experience. To complete an online application, be prepared to attach: 1) a letter of interest, ~~G~~ three references and H) resume. Questions about the application can be directed to Nancy Spransy: nspransy@urbanecologycenter.org.

To obtain organizational information check out our website: www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org.

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