

Internship at the Wildlife Resources Commission

All supplies and equipment are supplied by the Wildlife Resources Commission. All work-related travel expenses are paid by the Wildlife Resources Commission. All interns are paid overtime in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards act and agency policy. Please note that housing is the responsibility of the intern.

Project Name

Wildlife Law Enforcement Field Internship

Objective:

The objective of this internship project is to introduce interested college students, particularly criminal justice students with a fish and wildlife conservation interest, to career opportunities in the field of conservation law enforcement. The intern would receive practical experience and training in conservation law enforcement and education as it pertains to NC's natural resources. The proposed internship project will assist the Law Enforcement Division with boat patrol duties on public waters, assist with pre-launch safety checks, administrative and teaching duties such as hunter education and boater education, and other enforcement duties related with patrol. This internship allows an intern that desires to become a sworn law enforcement officer the opportunity to work with the Law Enforcement Section and provides the intern with an overview of the various work duties and responsibilities of sworn law enforcement personnel. This project supports the mission and goals of the agency by allowing the intern to experience and assist in the area of conservation law enforcement, thus providing public safety, conserving wildlife resources and promoting safe and responsible boating. This internship also serves as a recruitment tool for the division of law enforcement and the North Carolina Resources Commission.

Project Location

County: Mecklenburg

Location: District 6 of the NCWRC map

Location Description: Mecklenburg, Rowan, Cabarrus, Davidson, Union, Richmond, Montgomery and Moore Counties.

Academic Majors:

Criminal Justice, Wildlife Management, Ecology, Environmental Science, or Biological Sciences, Parks and Recreation Management

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:

- Knowledge of Criminal Justice and Wildlife Conservation.
- The completion of a minimum number of credit hours: junior standing (completion of 60 hours or more)
- Skill in effective verbal and written communication.
- Skill in providing quality customer service in a courteous and professional manner.
- Skill in establishing and maintaining effective work relationships with co-workers and work related contacts.
- Skill in using MS Word, Excel and Outlook.
- Ability to work as a member of a team.
- Ability to work cooperatively with others.
- Ability to accurately follow instructions.
- Ability to perform and complete assigned tasks within guidelines.
- Ability to exercise sound judgment when making critical decisions.
- Ability to maintain a professional appearance.
- Ability to perform manual labor including, lifting supplies, and materials up to 20 lbs.

- Student interns must have a valid driver's license to drive a state vehicle.
- Ability to exhibit the core values of the NCWRC DLE core values: professional, fair, dedicated, integrity and trustworthiness.

Tasks and Duties:

This proposed intern position will be responsible for performing a complete range of tasks to learn various aspects of Wildlife Enforcement. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Observe and assist with boat checks while riding with Wildlife Officers on boat patrol.
- Assist with Pre-launch courtesy boat checks by setting up Pre-launch detail signs and recording official data.
- Observe and assist with Hunter Education and Boater Education courses.
- Observe and experience court procedure.
- Observe and assist with several other projects or jobs during the ten weeks so they can experience all aspects of how the Division of Law Enforcement operates.
- Observe and assist with other random patrol that may consist of depredation investigations and other permit inspections.
- Observe and assist with fishing activity patrol.

Travel Required:

Yes, the intern will be required to travel.

Work Schedule:

Weekdays (M-F)
Frequent Weekends
Occasional evening or nighttime hours

Final Product:

The expected final outcome of this proposed internship project is that it will provide a qualified student an opportunity to work in a professional law enforcement environment, while learning about and training for future employment as a Wildlife Officer with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Knowledge Gained:

The proposed internship will acquaint the intern with North Carolina's criminal justice system, in particular the role of a Wildlife Resources Commission Law Enforcement Officer. The project's intent is to enhance the participating intern's knowledge of conservation law enforcement and all operating aspects of the NCWRC Division of Law Enforcement and the NCWRC as a whole. The intern will have the opportunity to gain practical knowledge and experience in Wildlife Law Enforcement.