

## 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 Educator

### **Objective:**

The primary purpose of Wildlife Education is to administer and coordinate educational programs designed to facilitate the conservation of the state's wildlife and other interrelated natural resources and the environment humans share with these resources.

This internship provides an educational opportunity for anyone interested in a career in non-formal education. The intern will experience working for state government as part of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and aid in the Commission's efforts to provide opportunities for every adult and child, regardless of physical abilities, to experience North Carolina's wildlife resources. The intern will learn the operations of a wildlife education center and will learn ways to teach programs to all age levels from prek-adult. The intern will learn how to teach a group in a non-formal setting along with experience in public speaking and group dynamics. (non-formal education principles, public speaking, group dynamics, wildlife education knowledge, trout hatchery operations, fishing techniques, stream entomology, wildlife education center operations).

### **Project Location**

County: Transylvania

Location: Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education

Location Description: Pisgah Forest

### **Academic Majors:**

Wildlife/Wildlife Biology, Biology, Fisheries, Science Education, Early Childhood, Education, Zoology, Natural Science, Natural Resource Mgt, Parks and Recreation, Conservation Biology, Environmental Education, Secondary Education, Environmental Science, Elementary Education

### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:**

Since we view an internship as a time to learn in a real world educational experience which will help students explore a possible intended career, we ask that the internship candidate be interested in providing programs to NC citizens on the conservation of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in order for them to enjoy wildlife associated recreation.

### **Tasks and Duties:**

The primary purpose of Wildlife Education is to administer and coordinate educational programs designed to facilitate the conservation of the state's wildlife and other interrelated natural resources and the environment humans share with these resources. The intern will teach existing programs to the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education's program participants and interpret the exhibits to the center visitors. So, you may spend the morning helping kids fish at a local lake and the afternoon kicking up macro-invertebrates to determine water quality and appropriate trout habitat. The intern will gain experience teaching wildlife education programs to children (Pre K - High School) and adults including fishing programs and visitor enhancements thru exhibit interpretation. The intern will also team teach fishing programs and interpret the trout hatchery to visitors. If the programs are done for the day the intern can help staff with marketing and/or visitor services by orienting visitors to the site, informing them of commission programs, and providing information on local wildlife attractions.

### **Travel Required:**

none

### **Resources Provided**

Uniform shirts, access to a computer, all teaching materials

### **Work Schedule:**

Rotating scheduling 2 weeks Monday - Friday followed by 2 weeks Tuesday - Saturday

***Work Evaluation:***

Evaluations will be conducted as each program is finished. The group leader/teacher will fill out a Teacher/Leader Questionnaire rating the delivery and organization of program, the level of instruction as it relates to the students, the clarity and effectiveness of the program, and the appropriateness of activities. Periodic observations by the intern's supervisor will also occur as well as peer evaluations by other educators.

***Additional Comments***

Intern should be prepared to work outside in most weather. Hiking in the woods and wading in the stream will be daily events.