



## Friends of the St. Clair River Community Programs Internship Description

Department: Education

Employment Type: Temporary, seasonal

Minimum Experience: Entry-level

Duration: Seasonal

Location: St. Clair County

Compensation/ Stipend: None

Application deadline: TBD

Link to this position description: <https://www.scriber.org/volunteer-internship-career/>

### Position Summary

This position will experience a dynamic, fast growing environmental non-profit organization while ensuring Friends of the St. Clair River's (Friends) programs and operations have adequate support, growth and engagement. Benefits include gaining an understanding of and helping share the goals of Friends.

This temporary, seasonal work experience is designed to develop skills appropriate within a natural resources/ecology/wildlife biology/environmental education-related field, gain knowledge about local watershed health, and to become an environmental champion for St. Clair County's natural resources.

You will increase the capacity of Friend's community programs to engage and education youth, families, children in summer programs on land and on water, non-formal environmental education programming and other instruction/teaching projects as needed. This position if responsible for providing safe, environmentally-responsible outdoor programs for participants of all ages. Must be willing to work occasional evenings and weekends. On-site training is ongoing throughout the internship.

### Primary Responsibilities

- Work closely with the Environmental Educator
- Prepare materials for programming, and assist with equipment, materials as needed
- Provide meaningful connections and experiences to participants and visitors
- Independently plan and instruct non-formal, nature related programming for families, children, youth, adults
- Facilitate monitoring projects, including but not limited to, birds, herps, macroinvertebrates; check forms and specimens and input data. Additional opportunities include water quality monitoring and independent research projects
- Work closely with staff to help tell stories/ communicate scientific data through photographs, blogs, short videos , infographics, and other forms of communication
- Assist with reports, programs, projects as needed

## Qualifications

High school diploma; working towards or completed additional training and/or learning (course work, certifications, associate, bachelors or graduate degree) in natural sciences, natural resources, ecological restoration, environmental education, nonprofits. Previous experience working with volunteers or volunteering is preferred. Experience leading or instructing a broad range of ages is desirable. Proven experience with youth is a plus. Strong communication skills, self-motivation and an ability to work independently are required. Physical ability for various activities such as lifting, carrying equipment and working outdoors in various weather conditions. Excellent written and oral communication skills are needed, along with a friendly, outgoing personality. Applicants should be well organized with an attention to detail.

- Must have basic computer skills including spreadsheets and data entry
- Must have a valid Michigan driver's license and have reliable transportation
- Must be in good physical condition, able to wear waders and move about for extended periods of time and tolerate a wide range of weather conditions; must be comfortable on a boat

Apply To:

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