



Friends of the St. Clair River Science Communication Internship Description

Reports to: President

Employment Type: Temporary

Minimum Experience: Entry-level

Duration: Seasonal

Location: St. Clair County

Compensation/ Stipend: TBD

Application deadline: NA

Position Description

This position will experience a dynamic, 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. Provide meaningful connections and experiences to participants and visitors

This temporary, entry-level 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 a champion and communicator for St. Clair County's natural resources.

You will increase the capacity of Friend's community programs to engage residents in programs on land and on water, non-formal environmental education programming and other instruction/teaching projects as needed. You will learn the importance of habitat protection and restoration in both urban and rural settings and private and public spaces. Other duties may include volunteer management, weeding, invasive and native species monitoring and mapping, and assisting with other citizen science activities. This position works alongside, and occasionally leading, volunteer groups of various sizes and ages.

Must be willing to work occasional evenings and weekends. Training is ongoing throughout the internship.

Primary Responsibilities

- Work closely with staff to help tell stories/ communicate scientific data through photographs, blogs, short videos , infographics, and other forms of communication
- Prepare materials for programming and events; assist with equipment, materials as needed
- Independently plan and instruct programming for families, children, youth, adults
- Facilitate monitoring projects, including but not limited to, plants, birds, herps, macroinvertebrates; check forms and specimens and input data. Additional opportunities include water quality monitoring and independent research projects
- Perform work at numerous habitat management sites in accordance with habitat management plans
- Assist with reports, programs, projects as needed

Qualifications

Minimum 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, volunteer management, communication, nonprofit). Previous experience working with volunteers or volunteering is preferred. Experience leading or instructing a broad range of ages is desirable. 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

Apply To:

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