

## Summer 2012 Internship

- POSITION:** **Environmental Education Intern**
- DEPARTMENT:** **Education Services**
- DISCIPLINE(S):** **Environmental Education/Interpretation, Environmental Sciences, Parks and Recreation, Elementary Education.**
- JOB DESCRIPTION:** Join a team of summer environmental program staff in developing and leading day camps, mini-camps and programs for families with young children. Assist regular staff with public programs, special events and the development of program materials, curriculum and/or displays.
- EDUCATIONAL VALUE:** Intern will gain an understanding of and experience with the processes involved in successful program planning and leadership. Time will be allotted for the intern to work on mutually beneficial projects specific to the intern's educational goals. Interns will also have the opportunity to learn about overall Conservation District operations through daylong experiences with other departments such as Planning & Development, Natural Resource Management, Police, Wildlife Resources, Communications and/or Land & Facilities.
- QUALIFICATIONS & WORKING CONDITIONS:** Applicants should have approximately two years of course work in environmental education or interpretation, outdoor recreation, or natural resource related sciences. Must have strong communication skills, be energetic and enthusiastic about our natural world, enjoy working with people of all ages, and be able to work as a team member. Experience leading environmental education programs in an outdoor setting a plus. Must possess a current, valid driver's license and be able to provide own transportation.
- Internship involves working primarily outside in all weather conditions, with frequent walking of up to 3 miles per day that is at times on hilly terrain. The internship may require the intern to assist staff in loading and unloading 80 pound canoes onto trailers and paddle a canoe up to 7 miles. Requires a sighted individual (vision corrected to 20/20) to plan and conduct outdoor education programs. This work also requires an individual with normal hearing (corrected to within a normal audible range) for interacting with employees and public.
- SCHEDULE:** Mid/late May through mid/late August, 40-50 hour workweek, usually Monday through Friday, eight hours/day, with varying daily hours. Occasional weekend and/or evening work will be required.
- WAGE & BENEFITS:** \$8.25 per hour. College credit as approved by applicant's institution and advisor. Housing is available on a first-come basis, at \$50/week. Interns accepting housing may need to have own vehicle to report to work site.
- APPLICATION:** Evaluation of applications begins as they are received so early application is encouraged. Applications accepted until all 4/30/12. Send cover letter and resume of relevant training and experience to:

**McHenry County Conservation District**  
**Attn: Deb Chapman**  
**2112 Behan Rd.**  
**Crystal Lake, IL 60014**

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