

# Naturalist Internship at Huntley Meadows Park

This internship is designed to give interested college students and recent graduates the opportunity to work with professional park staff at a 1500 acre wetland preserve operated by Fairfax County, Virginia. It provides practical experience in a hands-on setting and gives participants the chance to develop skills needed for a career in environmental education, nature center operation, and wildlife conservation. In addition, because this internship is funded by Friends of Huntley Meadows Park, a non-profit, volunteer organization, participants will learn how volunteer groups can work in concert with government institutions.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** \$2800 from the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

**PERIOD:** 12 weeks, June 1 - August 17, 2016

**LOCATION:** Huntley Meadows Park

3701 Lockheed Boulevard

Alexandria, VA 22306

**APPLICANTS:** College students or graduates (must be at least 18), preferably with major in environmental education, natural sciences, or recreation, and proven ability to work well with children. No housing available.

**HOURS:** 40 hours/week. Schedule may include some weekends and evenings.

## **DUTIES:**

### Program Services

- Participate in and lead nature programs and children's day camps
- Assist interpretive staff in the development of programs on the park's natural history
- Develop and implement new nature programs for a variety of age groups

### Projects

- Write an article for the Friends of Huntley Meadows newsletter describing the summer internship
- Work with resource manager on outdoor projects
- Assist with development of an exhibit or brochure

### Support Services

- Greet visitors at the information desk, exhibit area, and on the trail
- Volunteer management

### Training

- On-the-job and participate in professional training as available

**TO APPLY:** Send resume and cover letter to Kylie Starck via email at [Kylie.Starck@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kylie.Starck@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call [703-768-2525](tel:703-768-2525) for more information