

2012 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.

STIPEND: \$2800

PERIOD: 11 weeks, June 4 - August 17, 2012

LOCATION: Huntley Meadows Park
3701 Lockheed Boulevard
Alexandria, VA 22306

APPLICANTS: College students or graduates, preferably with major in environmental education, natural sciences, or recreation, and proven ability to work well with children.

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

DUTIES

Program Services

- Assist interpretive staff in the development of programs on the park's natural history.
- Participate in and lead nature programs and children's day camps.
- Develop and implement a new nature program for 6-8 year olds

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 to Melissa Gauling, Program Director, at the above address or via email at melissa.gaulding@fairfaxcounty.gov by March 16, 2012. Call 703-768-2525 for more information.