

Summer 2019 Intern for Sewickley Heights Borough Park / Little Sewickley Creek Watershed Association

Duration and Compensation: Maximum of 270 hours, including two weeks unpaid vacation, over a period of 14 weeks. Work will average 20 hours per week at \$11/hour, beginning on or around Monday May 13th and ending Friday Aug 16th, depending on the candidates' school schedule. This internship will be two-fold with 10 hours a week dedicated to the Sewickley Heights Borough Park projects/maintenance and 10 hours a week focusing on work associated with the Little Sewickley Creek Watershed.

Background: Sewickley Heights Borough Park is a 1200+ acre public park set in the hills of northern Allegheny County. Diverse user groups enjoy trails through mature upland forest, successional "old field" forest, across oak dominated ridges and down to the Little Sewickley Creek floodplain. The Little Sewickley creek watershed is approximately 9.5 square miles in size and is classified as a high quality (HQ) Trout Stocking Fishery (TSF) in PA. The stream boasts an actively reproducing brown trout population. A large portion of this watershed is found within Sewickley Heights Borough Park.

Scope of Work & Expectations: We are seeking an enthusiastic, ambitious intern for the 2019 summer season. Work will include both independent and directed work, so the candidate should be comfortable with both. We prefer a candidate enrolled in a natural resources/environmental education program, but will consider other qualified candidates. Candidate must be able to navigate rough terrain and handle heavy items. The internship will be physically and mentally engaging as forestland offers a breadth of opportunity to learn and enjoy. There will be countless prospects to gather knowledge and improve skills in the field.

Specific Duties:

- Work in Sewickley Heights Borough Park - The qualified candidate should have an interest in and/or knowledge of (but not limited to): forest ecology and management, natural resource management, wildlife habitat, forest insect pests and disease, recreation management, environmental education, trail maintenance and repair. Work duties are diverse and may include: routine trail monitoring and clearing, wildlife habitat improvement and forest productivity projects, scouting for forest pests and disease, scouting and treating invasive species, ornamental tree care, assessing and removing hazard trees, interacting with park users, field management etc...
- Work in the Little Sewickley Creek Watershed – The intern will be actively involved with several wildlife related projects such as Project Nest Watch (via Cornell Lab of Ornithology), which will focus on the monitoring of Eastern bluebird nest boxes throughout various locations in watershed. Other projects will include the maintenance/upkeep of two experimental wetlands where on-going amphibian research is currently taking place with Robert Morris University. Successful candidate will also be involved in monthly water quality sampling at 5 localities in the watershed and must be proficient in Microsoft office to perform data entry and analysis. GIS experience is preferred, but not necessary. Candidate may be also asked to write articles to be featured on the LSCWA website/newsletter and will assist with educational programs dealing with watershed related activities for the general public.

Please send resume, 3 references and brief letter of interest by April 15th 2019 to:

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