

Summer Environmental Education Intern

The Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC) is the oldest small watershed association in America, working to protect 325 square miles of rolling hills, woodlands, farms and suburbs in Chester County, Pennsylvania and New Castle County, Delaware. *The mission of the BRC is to promote the restoration, preservation, conservation and enjoyment of the natural resources of the Brandywine and Red Clay Watersheds through education, scientific activities, environmental stewardship and advocacy.* As of July 1, 2015, Brandywine Valley Association and Red Clay Valley Association have merged to form a brand new organization called Brandywine Red Clay Alliance! The ways you connect to your watershed organization will not change. We will always reach out for clean-up volunteers, undertake improvements in both watersheds, turn more red streams blue, advocate with a stronger voice, and educate school children throughout our districts. The BVA and the Red Clay Valley Association have operated a Summer Camp since 1984 and have also conducted extensive environmental education programs offered to schools throughout the region since 1986.

Job Description:

The Summer Environmental Education Intern will assist with school field trip programs, as well as all aspects of summer camps featuring fun and innovative outdoor adventures for children ages 4-15. These camps instill an understanding of and appreciation for the natural world through an emphasis on environmental education. In addition to assisting with 6 weeks of summer camp at the Myrick Conservation Center, the intern will be responsible for organizing activities and creating curriculum for 2 weeks of summer camp held at BRC's satellite facility, Saalbach Farm in Coatesville, PA. This position is also responsible for leading the aftercare program from 3:00pm-5:30pm each week at the Myrick Conservation Center. The Summer Intern reports to the Summer Camp Director.

Responsibilities:

- Assist with field trip programs, including canoeing, kayaking and tubing
- Participate in a 5 day Camp Staff Training June 13th- June 17th
- Assist with the set-up, wrap-up and day-to-day operations of 8, week-long day camps June 20th –Aug 12th
- Drive 15 passenger van for offsite fieldtrips (if 25 years or older)
- Organize and oversee the camp's before/aftercare program
- Complete internship project (Coordinate Saalbach Summer Camp and Curriculum)
- Serve as the adult leader for an over night at the Myrick Conservation Center
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

Applicants must:

- Be a college/university student or graduate in good standing
- Be pursuing a degree in science, education or an environmental field
- Have a desire to work with children
- Have a passion for the outdoors and not be afraid to get "wet and dirty"
- Have strong written and oral communication skills
- Be responsible, organized and dependable with an emphasis on safety
- Be able to provide own transportation
- Be CPR and First Aid certified (certification class offered staff training week)

Preferred:

- Experience with children
- Natural history knowledge

Dates/Hours:

- May 23, 2016 – August 17, 2016 (includes one week off, must be mutually agreed upon in advance) Start/end dates are negotiable.
- Monday-Friday, 8.5 hours/day, start and end times will vary between 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM

Stipend: \$255 per week, for 13 weeks

Application Procedures:

Please send cover letter, resume and three references with contact information to:

ATTN: Summer Environmental Education Intern Search
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance
1760 Unionville-Wawaset Road
West Chester, PA 19382

or

Email Kate Thompson at kthompson@brandywineredclay.org

Application Deadline: March 21, 2016

Questions? Email Kate Thompson at address above or call at 610-793-1090.