



## PAID INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

**Internship Title:** Creek Critters Outreach Intern

**Organization Description:** The Audubon Naturalist Society is the oldest independent environmental organization in the Washington, DC region. A pioneer in linking conservation activities with environmental education, ANS seeks to create a larger and more diverse community of people who treasure the natural world and work to preserve it. We inspire residents of the greater Washington, DC, region to appreciate, understand, and protect their natural environment through outdoor experiences, education, and advocacy.

**ANS' Conservation Program:**

- Analyzes and advocates for better environmental policies and land-use decisions in DC and its surrounding MD & VA jurisdictions, with a focus on water quality and green infrastructure
- Works with community groups and grassroots organizations to provide advocacy and stewardship training to families, youth, and adults
- Hosts outreach events teaching about stream health through the lens of our innovative "Creek Critters" smartphone app
- Runs a citizen-science water monitoring program that for 25 years has been studying the health of streams around the region
- Helps plan for stewardship and conservation of our flagship, 40-acre Woodend sanctuary

**Intern Position Description:** ANS' Conservation Program seeks one or more interns to help with our Creek Critters outreach program.

**Hours per week:** Flexible, average 20, *including weekend outreach events*

**Duration of internship:** Flexible, April 2018 – August 2018. Ideal candidate will live in the region and be able to plan and execute 1-2 Creek Critters events per week on average throughout spring and summer.

**Intern Supervisor:** Gregg Trilling, Creek Critters Program Manager

**Salary and Benefits:** This internship is paid at the rate of \$11.50/hr. Benefits include:

- Free ANS membership for one year
- 20% discount for ANS adult programs.
- If space is available, free participation in ANS adult programs.
- 20% discount at Sanctuary Shop.
- Opportunity to participate in staff and committee meetings
- Opportunity to interview the ANS Executive Director and other staff

Send resume and short cover letter to [gregg.trilling@anshome.org](mailto:gregg.trilling@anshome.org)

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**Responsibilities:** The Creek Critters Outreach Intern will work with the Creek Critters Program Manager to plan, run, and evaluate community-based stream monitoring events with partner organizations. Specific responsibilities include:

- Attend trainings and review activity plans to learn how to lead Creek Critters events
- Contact partner organizations and help them arrange the logistics of events, including setting dates and times, advertising/marketing, securing needed access permissions, ensuring availability of supplies, etc.
- Attend and run or co-run events around the DC metropolitan region (DC, MD, and VA) 2-4 times per week, mostly on weekends, and ensure that all logistics of the event run smoothly.
- During events, use the Creek Critters app and activity plans to teach kids and adults the basics of how to collect and identify aquatic organisms and teaching them about watershed and stream health.
- Conduct post-event follow-up, including evaluation, data collection and management, and scheduling follow-up events
- Help with other elements of the Creek Critters Program as assigned, including:
  - Writing blog posts and drafting marketing or educational materials
  - Training volunteers to help lead Creek Critters events
  - Analyzing user data to discern trends
  - Making graphics, charts, and maps to publicize user-submitted data on stream health and the level of interest in clean streams throughout our region

**Qualifications:**

- Required qualifications include:
  - fast learner and excited to learn skills quickly
  - an interest in and commitment to environmental protection and/or science
  - good people skills and ability to relate to and speak in front of a wide variety of audiences
  - facility with technology such as smartphone apps, databases, blogs, social media
- Desired qualifications include, in any combination:
  - aquatic macroinvertebrate identification
  - database programming and data/chart visualization of a Salesforce database
  - knowledge of any of the following: stream ecology and/or hydrology, watershed health, green infrastructure, stormwater management.
  - social media marketing and/or blogging
  - photo or video editing skills
  - knowledge of communities in DC, Montgomery, Prince George's, and/or Fairfax counties
- *Access to a car required. Mileage will be reimbursed to and from work-related activities.*
- *Must have own iOS or Android smartphone.*

**Location and Transportation**

Woodend Nature Sanctuary – 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

ANS is 3-miles from the Bethesda Metro Station. There is a shuttle that runs from the metro station to the Chevy Chase Supermarket. From the market, it is a 10 minute (1.0 mile) walk to ANS. The J2 bus leaves from the Bethesda metro station and drops off on the corner of East-West Highway. It is a one mile walk to ANS.