



Environmental Education Summer Internship

CBEC Overview:

The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center is a private, non-profit located on the Eastern Shore in Grasonville, Maryland dedicated to creating the next generation of Bay stewards by providing “hands-on, feet-wet” environmental education. Our summer camps allow students to explore life around the Bay through environmental studies, science, arts, and recreation.

Our summer internship program offers great experience for college students interested in any of these fields of study: education, environmental studies, environmental science, or recreation. Interns will receive hands-on training and experience with the fundamentals of environmental education best practices, lesson plan creation, and program facilitation. Interns will facilitate programs for summer camp and visiting groups. Interns will receive training and ample practice in handling, caring for, and teaching with captive raptors. Interns will participate in weekly professional development experiences to experience other career opportunities and network in the environmental sector. By the conclusion of the summer, interns will complete an electronic portfolio showcasing their experience with environmental education. This will serve as an excellent resource when applying for jobs.

Interns will earn a small stipend, dispersed twice during the summer, and housing can be arranged, if needed.

Intern Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in college or recent college graduate
- Strong interest in teaching and environmental education
- Energetic, enthusiastic, flexible, and overall positive attitude
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with children and adults
- Available to work at least 10 weeks over the summer
- Preferred - teaching experience and/or environmental studies background

Internship Responsibilities:

- Supervise group of up to 20 campers with a team of 2-3 counselors
- Plan and lead at least one environmental education lesson weekly
- Organize and lead nature exploration, games, and other recreation activities
- Assist and supervise campers while kayaking. ACA Level 1 kayak training available, if interested
- Observe environmental education programs led by Education Coordinator and assist
- Respond appropriately to any medical issues and emergencies with first-aid or CPR. First-aid and CPR training available, if not already certified
- Assist with raptor care and handling
- Attend weekly professional development “shadowing” experiences
- Create electronic portfolio showcasing internship experience

Internship Schedule:

Interns may begin as early as May 13, but must start by June 3.

- May 13 - May 31 – Assist with school field trips and camp preparations. 9-5pm, daily. OPTIONAL
- Weeks of June 3 and 10 – Camp preparations, 9-5pm.
- Camp Training – June 9, 12-4pm. Mandatory training.
- CPR/First-aid training – Date TBD. 3-hour class. Mandatory, unless currently certified.
- June 17 – August 30 (end date dependent on intern’s availability) – Weekly day camp sessions, Monday-Friday, 8:15am-4:15pm.

Contact:

If you are interested in applying to be an intern this summer, please send resume and one letter of recommendation to the Camp Director, Katey Nelson at knelson@bayrestoration.org. Resumes will be reviewed as they are received and selected applicants will be contacted to schedule a phone or in-person interview.