



## **OVERVIEW**

For more than 45 years, Bubolz Nature Preserve has been inspiring generations through great educational programs, recreational spaces, and conservation ethics. Social opportunities abound with wonderful mental and physical wellness attributes. This non-profit environmental preserve is a natural example of why the Fox Valley is a thriving and vibrant place to live, work, and raise a family. With Wisconsin's beauty and natural landscapes right here in our back yard, it's an easy place to love. The Preserve offers eight miles of trails that take visitors through 700 plus acres of forests, wetlands, restored prairies, and swamps. Annually, Bubolz Preserve serves over 80,000 visitors and over 12,000 school children who participate in our school science programs. In addition, thousands of adults and families attend our educational programs year round.

## **PURPOSE OF THE POSITION**

Bubolz Nature Preserve is offering a Spring Naturalist Internship. This intern will have a bachelor's degree, or working towards one, in education or natural science and have an interest in gaining practical experience teaching students from preschool through middle school. By working with professional Naturalist educators, interns will develop outdoor teaching skills and learn how to incorporate their knowledge of Wisconsin natural history into lesson plans for young students.

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

- Assist Naturalist educators in all aspects of spring school programs
- Train on spring classes and teach spring classes
- Actively participate in all meetings
- Maintain proficiency in current philosophies of environmental education
- Keep all program areas neat, clean and safe

## **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

- Bachelor Degree, or working towards one, in education field or natural science field
- Basic knowledge of ecology and a desire to learn about environmental education
- Must be skilled in a variety of scientific equipment such as identification guides and sampling nets
- Interest in working with children of all ages and families
- Enthusiastic, positive, and motivated
- Strong ability to work independently, yet enthusiastic to be part of a team
- Strong interpersonal communication and organizational skills
- Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously
- Flexibility to work regular week hours as well as evenings and weekends
- A passion for the outdoors and ultimately the preserve's mission

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT USE**

- Ability to perform tasks requiring physical exertion, outdoors, in all weather conditions.
- Ability to stand, stoop, bend, and carry loads
- Ability to do moderate physical activity such as hiking, playing outdoor games and limited lifting (under 40 pounds)

**HOURS & DURATION**

Seasonal internship is eight (8) weeks in duration with an expected schedule of 20-25 hours per/week, Monday-Friday. All programs take place at Bubolz Nature Preserve. Training is provided and the intern will shadow experienced Naturalist educators during the initial weeks of the program. The Spring Internship program runs Mid-April to June 5

**COMPENSATION**

\$8.00/hour

**TO APPLY**

Send cover letter and resume to Courtney Osenroth at [cosenroth@bubolzpreserve.org](mailto:cosenroth@bubolzpreserve.org) with Spring Intern Position in the subject line. Deadline to apply: March 17, 2020