



## Environmental Education Intern

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Wildlands Conservancy is the premier nonprofit land trust of the Lehigh Valley and Lehigh River Watershed. Our mission is to protect and restore critical natural areas and waterways and educate the community to create a legacy of a healthy, sustainable environment for future generations. Since 1973 we have protected 60,000 irreplaceable acres of land and every year we educate over 15,000 students on the importance of becoming future stewards of our natural world. For additional information on Wildlands Conservancy, please watch this [short video](#).

### **In this role, you will:**

- Grow with guidance from our experienced directors and seasoned staff to assist in the presentation of a vast array of hands-on, nature-based programming. This will include summer camp on our 4 site locations (Dorothy Rider Pool Wildlife Sanctuary (DRPWS), Emmaus; Parks in Upper Saucon, Upper and Lower Macungie Townships; and a vast number of community group presentations at DRPWS or anywhere in the Lehigh River watershed.
- Collaborate in designing and completing an internship project benefiting both you and Wildlands Conservancy. Projects may include curriculum development, designing education materials connected to your major, or something uniquely yours.
- Grow leadership skills as part of a supervisory team guiding children in decision-making, behavior management, and living ethics.
- Work harmoniously in manifestly friendly – but close – quarters.
- Work occasional nights and weekends, tolerance of inclement weather is also required.
- Have latitude to coordinate your internship schedule with other commitments.
- Participate in a project with our Conservation Department at DRPWS or another [Wildlands Conservancy Preserve](#). Projects focus on habitat/trail restoration, preservation and enhancement, and stream conservation.
- Possibly transition into a paid position when internship hours are completed.

### **To be successful you will need:**

- Completion of at least one year towards a BS or BA and commitment to educating the public through science-based hands-on learning.
- Experience teaching environmental education preferred, but not mandatory.
- To be comfortable speaking in front of a group and interacting with people of all ages, income levels, cultural backgrounds, and intellectual abilities.
- Ability to work independently and within a team.
- A strong work ethic and sense of humor.
- Ability to lift up to 25 pounds.
- Basic computer literacy in Microsoft Office.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.

- A professional appearance.
- To possess or be willing to obtain; current CPR, First Aid, and AED certification; Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Act 151); Pennsylvania State Police Request for Criminal Record Check (Act 34); FBI Clearance (Act 114)
- A valid Pennsylvania Driver's License.

### **Working conditions**

Wildlands Conservancy offices are smoke-free. The ability to work harmoniously in manifestly friendly – but close – quarters is required. Occasionally working long and unusual hours, including some evenings and weekends, and walking and standing on uneven natural surfaces on land or in water is common. Travel is usually local, rarely requiring overnight stays, and in most cases provided by Wildlands Conservancy.

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – It is Our Nature**

Our employees and board of directors' differences in age, color, disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, race, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, veteran status, and other characteristics is what makes us unique. We welcome and invite people to be who they are.

If you have these qualifications, are energetic, passionate, and want to expand your knowledge of our natural environment, please submit your resume and cover letter telling us why you are the person to join our high-performing team. [humanresources@wildlandspa.org](mailto:humanresources@wildlandspa.org)

### **Salary and benefits**

Not applicable

**Internships are available year-round.**