

## **NATURALIST INTERNSHIP**

### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:**

The intern will work closely with the Park Naturalist staff in the outdoor education program at For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum. Duties will include day to day natural duties, as well as conducting nature hikes and assisting in the development of exhibits, trails and programs for the Outdoor Education Center. Performs related duties as assigned or required.

### **STATEMENT OF TASKS:**

Performs general day to day duties of Naturalist staff  
Assists in the collection of specimens and preparation of exhibits.  
Discusses exhibits with visitors to the facility.  
Conducts and develops nature hikes and educational programming.  
Research and work on grant opportunities.

The above is intended to be illustrative of the many duties that may be assigned, but should not be interpreted to describe all of the duties an intern may be required to perform.

### **REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:**

Basic knowledge of outdoor education programs.  
Basic knowledge and strong interest in the natural sciences.  
Ability to speak in front of groups.  
Ability to maintain good interpersonal relationships.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants must be high school graduates. Special attention will be given to applicants that are current or recent university/college students with primary study areas including, recreation, interpretation, education, environmental or natural sciences, biology, or related field.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

Possession of a valid driver's license.  
Must be willing to work weekends, holidays and irregular hours as scheduled and/or directed.  
May be required to wear a prescribed work uniform.  
Must be courteous in dealing with the general public and co-workers.  
Must be willing to commit to a minimum of 200hrs.

This is an unpaid internship; however, we will work with students and schools to establish the possibility of college credit.

For more information, please contact:

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