

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Undergraduate and graduate student opportunities to study outdoors and gain experience working for a nonprofit organization
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BUTTONWOOD NATURE CENTER, HOME OF THE INSTITUTE

The mission of Buttonwood Nature Center/The Institute is to guide the people of the Cumberland Valley region to become stewards of their natural and cultural worlds.

To achieve this, we:

- provide environmental and cultural education to elementary and secondary school children;
- support and conduct research on natural and cultural history;
- provide opportunities for adults to learn more about the nature and culture of the region and the world beyond;
- present programs that inform and entertain the community.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To give students the opportunity to test their interest in and aptitude for a career in scientific research, nonprofit organization management, data collection, and/or environmental education.
- To develop skills in the application of theory to practical work situations and to develop skills and techniques directly applicable to the above-mentioned careers.

AT A GLANCE

Areas of Study

- Environmental and Watershed Science
- Environmental Education
- Natural History

Opportunities

- Run water quality chemical testing
- Work with and teach public education programs
- Develop independent study projects



INTERN PROJECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Assist with Antietam Watershed Association Water Quality Monitoring Program

Testing water at multiple stream sites, running chemical tests on collected samples, managing Excel data sheets, conducting macroinvertebrate studies, and more!

Assist with Environmental Education Programs

Observe, develop, and present educational programs for local students, including the Water Striders after-school program, Explore! programs, and others.

Independent Study Projects

If you have a specific area of interest that aligns with our mission and goals, we will work together to develop an independent project for you to work on during your time here. Some examples: flora and fauna identification and inventory, long-term data processing, or something completely original!



Need more information? Have any questions?
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