ENVIRONMENTAL INTERNSHIPS IN THE UNITED STATES

AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION: Offers summer camp employment opportunities throughout the US. Many of the camps need environmental education directors.

Contact: American Camping Association
5000 State Rd. 67 North
Martinsville, IN 46151-7902
Phone: 317.342.8456, ext. 331

APROVECHO RESEARCH CENTER: Offers a three-month internship that teaches students basic principles of sustainable forestry, organic gardening, and appropriate technology. The hands-on participation in these practices along with one-on-one instruction affords your students a unique opportunity.

Contact: Internship Coordinator
80574 Hazelton Rd.
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
Phone: 541.942.8198

ASSOCIATION FOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION: An international network of individuals and educational organizations committed to experience-based teaching and learning. Provides a network for experiential learning programs, and various publications and services.

Contact: The Association for Experiential Education
Box 249-CU
Boulder, CO 80309
Phone: 303.492.1547

BURGUNDY CENTER FOR WILDLIFE STUDIES: Prepare and teach specialized workshops in the natural or earth sciences for children aged 11-15 [June 18-August 9] and/or 8-10 [August 11-27]. Will also assist campers with short-term projects, lead hikes, and other miscellaneous duties as appropriate.

Qualifications: Demonstrated knowledge of subject areas. Skill in relating to the age-group of campers, certification in Basic First Aid.

Contact: Administrative Offices
Burgundy Farm Country Day School
3700 Burgundy Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22303
Phone: 703.960.3431

CALLAWAY GARDENS: Horticulture Internships and Education Internships for students preparing for careers in horticulture, landscape design, natural history or environmental education. May through August. Work experience supplemented by classes and field trips. 40-hour week; hourly wage with housing provided.

Contact: Horticulture Dept., Callaway Gardens
PO Box 2000
Pine Mountain, GA 31822-2000
Phone: 706.663.5020

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INTERN PROGRAMS: The CEIP Fund, Inc., operates Environmental Intern Programs in the Northeast, California, the Great Lakes area, the Pacific Northwest, and Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. EIP interns work full time for 12-24 weeks with an organization or agency involved in environmental management or issues, and also attend meetings organized regionally by EIP. Internships carry varying stipends. Applicants must have completed their junior years. Deadline for applications is late January.

Contact: The CEIP Fund, Inc.
25 West St.
Boston, MA 02111

CH2M HILL: Seeking interns in water quality.

Contact: Director, Wastewater Collection/Water Distribution
CH2M Hill
CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER: Environmental education camp instructors.
Contact: Camp Kingfisher
Camp Manager
Chattahoochee Nature Center
9135 Willeo Rd.
Roswell, GA 30075

CUYAHOGA VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER [CVEEC]: Positions are available for summer interns mid June through late August. Duties include hosting visitor groups, managing equipment, leading programs, being on-call in the evening, and rotating kitchen duty. Application deadline is April 15.
Contact: CVEEC
ATTN: Internships
3675 Oak Hill Rd.
Peninsula, OH 44264
Phone: 216.657.2796

[THE] DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS: These internships provide undergraduates in horticulture, landscape, architecture, education, and related studies opportunities to gain practical experience by working in a public garden. Work opportunities are divers, including planting of beds, greenhouse propagation, and environmental education. Internship term: June 1 though August 7, 40 hours/week with occasional weekend and evening responsibilities.
Contact: Director of Human Resources
The Dallas Arboretum
8617 Garland Rd.
Dallas, TX 75218-3993
Phone: 214.329.8263, ext. 113

DIVERSITY INITIATIVE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS ORGANIZATION: Through the Diversity Initiative, students and recent graduates of color gain valuable work experience through paid internships in a wide variety of professional settings—including corporations, consulting firms, government agencies, nonprofits, and community organizations. Projects range from three to twelve months in length.
Contact: Diversity Initiative
The Environmental Careers Organization
286 Congress St.
Boston, MA 02210-1009

ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS ORGANIZATION/MINORITY ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMER ASSOCIATE PROGRAM: Any undergraduate or graduate student who is a person of color is eligible for paid apprenticeship positions in a wide variety of professional settings.
Contact: Program Coordinator
Minority Opportunities Program
Environmental Careers Organization
286 Congress St.
Boston, MA 02110

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM:
Contact: Employment Program
Science/Engineering Education Division
Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education
200 Badger Ave.
PO Box 117
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117
FRANCIS BEIDLER FOREST: A 5,400-acre virgin tupelo gum and bald cypress National Audubon Society Sanctuary, co-owned with the Nature Conservancy. Interpretive Guide position dealing with ecology of black water swamps, walking tours of the swamp, canoe trips and review of misc. sanctuary management and maintenance.

   Contact:  Manager
   336 Sanctuary Rd.
   Harleyville, SC 29448
   Phone:  803.462.2150

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH: An international, non-profit environmental advocacy organization seeking interns with strong writing and communication skills. Internships run September through December. Interns work as volunteers and are reimbursed for commuting costs.

   Contact:  Internship Director
   Friends of the Earth
   218 D St., SE
   Washington, DC  20003

GEORGIA CONSERVANCY:

   Contact:  Department of Natural Resources
   Georgia Conservancy
   1776 Peachtree St., NW, Suite 400-South
   Atlanta, GA  30309
   Phone:  404.876.2900 or 404.656.2770

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

   Contact:  Recruitment Specialist
   Department of Natural Resources
   205 Butler St., SE
   Suite 1354, East Tower
   Atlanta, GA  30334

HORIZONS FOR YOUTH RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM: A private non-profit organization that provides a positive and supportive summer camp experience to disadvantaged children. Positions include counselors, field teachers/instructors, unit leaders, and activity specialists.

   Contact:  Assistant Program Director
   Horizons for Youth
   121 Lakeview St.
   Sharon, MA  02067
   Phone:  617.828.7550
   outdoors@horizons.tiac.net

INSTITUTE OF ECOSYSTEM STUDIES: Funded research experience for undergraduates. Application deadline, February 15.

   Contact:  Undergraduate Research Program
   Institute of Ecosystem Studies
   PO Box R
   Millbrook, NY  12545
   Phone:  914.667.5358

KIAWAH ISLAND RESORT: Environmental education program.

   Contact:  Kiawah Island Resort Nature Program
   12 Kiawah Beach Dr.
   Kiawah Island, SC  29455
   Phone:  803.768.6001

KINGS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK: Kings Mountain State Park Summer Employment [Internship] Program is a branch of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Student Intern Training Program. The primary goal for Kings Mountain State Park is to fill summer seasonal positions with qualified personnel and provide a variety of recreational experiences for park visitors.

   Contact:  Park Management Assistant
   Kings Mountain State Park
   1277 Park Rd.
KNOXVILLE ZOOLOGICAL PARK:
Contact: Associate Director
PO Box 6040
Knoxville, TN 37914

MAINE NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE: A national program of the Boy Scouts of America. For environmental education internships.
Contact: Maine National High Adventure
PO Box 607
Howland, ME 04448
Phone: 207.732.4845

MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK: Incumbent serves as a leader on a variety of cave tours, makes presentations to the public and answers visitors’ questions, etc.
Contact: Superintendent
Mammoth Cave National Park
Personnel Office
Mammoth Cave, KY 42259
Phone: 502.749.8309
Phone: 502.758.2251 or 502.773.2111

MORRIS ARBORETUM, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA: A year-long program that begins in mid-June, internship positions available are: Arboriculture, Education, Flora of Pennsylvania, Horticulture, Plant Propagation, Plant Protection, and Urban and Community Forestry. Interns are assigned to professional staff in the Botany, Horticulture, and Public Programs Departments and works a 40-hour week at an hourly rate. To apply, submit a letter indicating how this program can help you attain your goals and specify which position or positions you are applying for. Include the following: academic transcript, three letters of recommendation including one academic and one work reference, and a resume. All materials must be received by February 15th.
Contact: Internship Coordinator
Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania
9414 Meadowbrook Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19118
Phone: 215.247.5777, ext. 156

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, CORKSCREW SWAMP SANCTUARY: Seasonal naturalists provide temporary additions to the sanctuary staff by supporting visitor programs and assisting in sanctuary management. Duties include maintenance of facilities and grounds, resource management field work, and environmental education and interpretation. To apply, send a cover letter stating seasonal preference and describing your interests, a current resume, and three references to:
Contact: Assistant Manager
Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary
Rt. 6, Box 1875A
Naples, FL 33964

NATIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE INTERSHIP PROGRAMS: Publishes the Directory of Washington Internships, a monthly newsletter called Public Service Internship News, and a directory of nationwide opportunities for undergraduates. Developing a National Register of Internships and Experiential Education, a computerized system of information about internship opportunities.
Contact: The National Center for Public Service Internship Programs
Suite 601
1735 Eye St., NW
Washington, DC 20006

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION: The NMNH Research Training Program provides a unique opportunity for undergraduate college students to be directly involved in collections-based research.
Contact: The Chairman
Department of Natural History
Smithsonian Institution
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE:  http://www.nps.gov

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION: The federation’s Conservation Summit Program involves interns in working with natural history and conservation education workshops for federation members. The program offers positions for two interns for 30 weeks, with weekly stipends. Application deadline is mid-December. One of the national centers is in Hendersonville, NC.

Contact:  Director, Member Programs
National Wildlife Federation
1412 Sixteenth St., NW
Washington, DC  20036
Phone:  703.790.4363

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION WILDLIFE CAMP: Camp staff will gain professional training and experience working with the nation’s largest conservation education organization. Camp program promotes an exciting integration of education and recreation. Deadline for applications is March 1.

Contact:  Manager, Youth Programs
NWF Wildlife Camp
8925 Leesburg Pike
Vienna, VA  22184
Phone:  800.245.5484

NATURAL SCIENCE FOR YOUTH FOUNDATION: A non-profit foundation aiding in the expansion, sound management and operation of nature centers, and promoting environmental education, protection and interpretation. Publishes Opportunities, with lists of job and internship openings.

Contact:  The Natural Science for Youth Foundation
763 Silvermine Rd.
New Canaan, CT  06840

NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE CENTER: Offers undergraduate and graduate level internships in wildlife medicine and natural history. The Center is a non-profit wildlife animal hospital located in Bare Cove Park, Hingham, MA. The Center hosts approximately 35-50 student interns each year.

Contact:  Clinic Director
19 Fort Hill St.
Hingham, MA  02043
Phone:  617.749.1248

NEWFOUND HARBOR MARINE INSTITUTE: A residential, non-profit environmental organization offering programs in tropical marine science to visiting school groups at Seacamp, Big Pine Key, FL [130 mi. south of Miami]. This experiential program provides opportunities for the students to explore sub-tropical terrestrial and marine ecosystems; combining direct, hands-on experience with conceptual learning. The Intern Program provides personal academic growth through intensive training, introduction of field teaching, and evaluation. Interns lead interpretive programs in tropical marine science for visiting schools and participate in support services required to run a residential facility. Extensive training includes science seminars; ARC lifeguarding, waterfront lifeguarding, oxygen administration, first aid, and CPR/PR; boat handling; teaching techniques; Summer employees also receive NAUI Skin Diving Instructor and Rescue Diver [if SCUBA certified] certifications. Must be working towards a B.S. degree in the biological sciences, environmental science, or education and have at least one full year of college-level biology coursework. Stipend, paid training, room and board on the property, worker's compensation insurance, and staff boat use during time off. Seasonal positions: [fall] September-December, [spring] January-May and [summer] May-August and year-round positions available.

Contact:  Intern Coordinator
Newfound Harbor Marine Institute
1300 Big Pine Ave.
Big Pine Key, FL  33043
Phone:  305.872.2331 or 1.877.SEACAMP

NORTHEAST FISHERIES SCIENCE CENTER [NEF-SC]: The Center has summer positions in a broad range of marine research programs, including fishery science, fishery economics, environmental sciences, aquaculture, and taxonomy of marine organisms. It also employs computer scientists, statisticians,
mathematicians and a wide range of other disciplines at laboratories in Woods Hole [MA], Narragansett [RI], Milford [CT], Sandy Hook [NJ] and at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC. Positions run from May through September.

Contact: NEF-SC Program Coordinator  
166 Water St.  
Woods Hole, MA 02543  
Phone: 508.495.2370  
pie.smith@noaa.gov

OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND EDUCATION [ORISE]: Applications are solicited from students who have completed their junior year with majors in: biology, chemistry, engineering, environmental science, geology, and physics.

Contact: University Coal Research Internship Program  
Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education  
Science/Engineering Education Division  
PO Box 117  
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117  
Phone: 615.576.2492

OKEFENOOKEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:

Contact: Refuge Ranger  
Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Rt. 2, Box 3330  
Folkston, GA 31537  
Phone: 912.496.7366

SMITHSONIAN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER: The Work/Learn Program offers undergraduate and graduate level students a unique opportunity to gain exposure to and experience in environmental research. Housing available. The Center does not supply board, although cooking facilities and utensils are available.

Contact: Work/Learn Program  
Smithsonian Environmental Research Center  
PO Box 28  
Edgewater, MD 21037

STATE GOVERNMENTS: Many state governments have internship programs available through State Departments of Administration or legislative bodies. For information, contact the individual state government office. (See North Carolina listings for contact for NC State Government Internship Program.)

STATE OF UTAH, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES/DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES:

Contact: Native Wildlife Biologist  
Southern Region  
622 N. Main St.  
Cedar City, UT 84720-2128  
Phone: 801.586.2455

STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION, INC.: Resource assistants serve as volunteer seasonal staff for public and private natural resources management agencies throughout the United States. Positions are generally twelve weeks in length. Assistants are expected to work the equivalent of 40 hours per week and may serve with agency staff, other participants, or by themselves. Resource assistants are not paid, but serve as volunteers. They receive funds to cover their travel to the program site and return home; free housing, a subsistence allowance to help offset food expenses; and a uniform allowance when authorized by the cooperating agency. There are no final deadlines for submitting applications to the Resource Assistant Program. For each season of the year, however, there is a date after which SCA begins processing applications and forwarding them to agency personnel for review and possible selection. This is a good source of internships in western US. Numerous UNCA interns have been placed out west through SCA.

Contact: Student Conservation Association  
PO Box 550  
Charlestown, NH 03603-0550  
www.sca-inc.org
STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION [SCA]/AMERICORPS PROGRAM: The SCA/Interior AmeriCorps Program represents a unique opportunity for members to gain professional field experience while providing national service. Assignments vary, but include endangered species monitoring, hydrology studies, ecological surveys, fisheries management, GIS work, habitat restoration, and public outreach.

Contact: SCI/Interior AmeriCorps  
PO Box 550  
Charlestown, NH 03603  
Phone: 603.543.1700

TALL TIMBERS RESEARCH, INC.: Tall Timbers Research Station is dedicated to ecological research, conservation and management of wildlands in the southeastern Coastal Plain. Fire ecology is the dominant theme of research at Tall Timbers. The Research Internship Program is directed towards undergraduates, particularly those who plan to go to graduate school or beginning graduate students. Interns spend 20 hours per week on duties related to monitoring and operation of station research projects. The remaining time is used at the discretion of the intern and the supervising teaching. Internships last 8 weeks and interns are provided housing and a small stipend. Applications are due (May 1). Different fields: Forestry, Plant Ecology, Vertebrate Ecology (Ornithology), wildlife Management, and Game Bird Research.

Contact: Director of Research  
Tall Timbers Research, Inc.  
Rt. 1, Box 678  
Tallahassee, FL 32312  
Phone: 904.893.4153

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY’S LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES: LBL’s primary purposes are outdoor recreation and environmental education. Applicants should have completed at least two years of coursework. Internships has been had from ten to sixteen weeks, average one lasting twelve weeks. Students receive a weekly stipend and housing. Application deadlines are October 30 for winter/spring applicants; February 1 for summer applicants.

Contact: Coordinator, Professional Development  
Land Between the Lakes, TVA  
100 Van Morgan Dr.  
Golden Pond, KY 42211-9001

TRAILSIDE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER: Nature and science programs for pre-first through fifth graders. Trailside’s location in the scenic Watchung Reservation will provide the perfect outdoor classroom.

Contact: Trailside Nature & Science Center  
452 New Providence Rd.  
Mountainside, NJ 07092-1409  
Phone: 908.789.3670

UDALL NATIVE AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM: Interns will work full-time in congressional offices to gain firsthand knowledge of government processes. Interns will be expected to fulfill a variety of tasks ranging from general support work to special research and writing projects. They will observe decision-making events including hearings, votes in the House and Senate, lectures, special lunches and receptions. The program’s purpose is to provide people of Native American ancestry practical experience in the legislative process, congressional matters and governmental that specifically relate to Native American issues.

Contact: The Morris K. Udall Internship Program  
2201 North Dodge St.  
Iowa City, IA 52243-4030  
Phone: 319.337.1650

UNCF-MERCK SCIENCE INITIATIVE: The UNCF-Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship Awards are intended to help African American undergraduate students who are interested in science to further their science education and potentially pursue science careers. The UNCF-Merck awards provide tuition support and opportunities for research experience in state-of-the-art research facility.

Contact: Director, UNCF-Merck Science Initiative  
The College Fund/UNCF  
8260 Willow Oaks Corporate Dr.  
PO Box 10444  
Fairfax, VA 22031-4511  
Phone: 703.205.3503
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE: Environmental educator positions available at the following locations: Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton; Tybee Island 4-H Center; Jekyll Island 4-H Center; Wahsega 4-H Center, Dahlonega. Responsibilities include: teaching morning and afternoon outdoor education classes, providing leadership to schools participating in the program, conducting evening programs, maintaining teaching laboratories and classes.

Contact:  
Rock Eagle 4-H Center  
350 Rock Eagle Rd., NW  
Eatonton, GA 31024-9599  
Phone: 706.485.2831

Jekyll Island 4-H Center  
201 South Beachview Dr.  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527  
Phone: 912.635.4117

Tybee Island 4-H Center  
9 Lewis Ave.  
PO Box 1477  
Tybee Island, GA 31328  
Phone: 912.864.2050

Wahsega 4-H Center  
Rt. 8, Box 1820  
PO Box 1477  
Dahlonega, GA 30533  
Phone: 706.864.2050

UPLANDS FIELD RESEARCH LABORATORY: A research station in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, part of the US National Park Service. Scientists conduct research on the ecosystems and management problems of the national parks. Summer field projects using interns begin in June and extend into early September. Stipends to reimburse for board, and housing and transportation in the park are furnished.

Contact:  
Director, Uplands Field Research Laboratory  
Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
Rt. 2, Box 260  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738


US DOI [NATIONAL PARK SERVICE]: [http://www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY: [http://oaspub.epa.gov](http://oaspub.epa.gov)

THE WASHINGTON CENTER: Beginning from the position that many environmental challenges face our nation and international leaders, The Washington Center has initiated its Environmental Internship Program to focus on how to develop workable strategies to better manage environmental problems. Strong analytical and writing skills and a 3.0 GPA are requisites for most internship placement.

Contact:  
The Washington Center  
750 First St., NE Suite 650  
Washington, DC 20077-0746  
Phone: 800.486.8921