Summer Internship for High School/College Students (June – August)

Hours: 10-15 hrs per week, flexible schedule, must be free on Wednesdays  
Pay : volunteer

BiodiversityWorks summer internships are 10-15hrs/wk. These positions are ideal for students interested in gaining experience in an environmental career such as conservation biology, environmental studies, wildlife biology, or ecology.

Internship Description: Summer interns will work in the field and office with our wildlife biologists on monitoring and research projects. This opportunity is designed for High School students exploring career options, but it could also apply to college students with no or little previous field experience.

Duties include:
- Monitoring and protecting nesting Piping plovers, Least terns, and American Oystercatchers and sharing information about these birds with the public
- Assisting with bat acoustic monitoring
- Assisting with checking our Northern long-eared bat maternity colonies
- Assisting with spotted turtle habitat use and movement study (radio-telemetry)
- Participating in our weekly naturalist training program
- Entering data in a spread sheet or google docs
- Making maps and posters about current projects
- Participating in our annual summer gathering

Qualifications:
- A strong environmental and conservation ethic as well as an interest in wildlife
- A driver’s license and transportation OR some form of reliable transportation to Edgartown, W. Tisbury, or VH sites
- Must be physically able to walk in sand for up to 1 mile, and carry up to 20 lbs
- Must be able to work for 3-4 hours outdoors in the summer heat with biting insects and ticks
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Basic computer skills (M.S. word, excel and internet browsing)
- Ability to communicate through email at home or via smart phone
- Must have housing on the Vineyard

To Apply:  
A resume isn’t necessary but if you have one please attach. If not please provide the following in a letter or email:
- Why are you interested in this internship, and what do you want to learn? What are your career goals? How will this internship help you develop your career goals?
- Tell us about any conservation-related experience you have, which could include: (1) experience working with wildlife, (2) monitoring plants, animals, or insects, (3) volunteering or working for a local conservation group, (4) experience with field biology in a biology or natural history course
- Provide the name and telephone number of at least 1 work reference and 1 character reference
- Send application to Liz Olson at lizb@biodiversityworksmv.org by April 21st – Feel free to contact us at any time with questions.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Seasonal Beach-Nesting Bird Monitor

Location: Martha’s Vineyard, MA          Time Period: May 18th – Aug 18th

Hours – Seasonal, full-time including weekends, holidays, and irregular hours          Application deadline: 3/2/2020

Position Description: BiodiversityWorks seeks an assistant for our beach-nesting bird program. Responsibilities include:
(1) locating, monitoring, and protecting nesting pairs of piping plovers, least terns, American oystercatchers, and black skimmers at ~18 sites, (2) collecting detailed biological data on all nesting pairs, (3) conducting predator management at some sites (4) public outreach and engagement, (6) communicating and coordinating daily with the shorebird coordinator via cell phone and in person, (7) communicating with private landowners and maintaining excellent relationships, (8) working with volunteers and interns (9) recording all monitoring data in field notebooks and electronic databases, (10) creating GIS/Google Earth maps from GPS data, (11) assisting with compilation of data for state census forms and summary reports, (12) participating in weekly meetings and naturalist training program, (13) creating a poster project and participating in our annual fundraising event.

Requirements:
  o A strong interest in birds, conservation, and management.
  o Must be at least 18 years of age and working towards or possess a degree in wildlife biology, biology, environmental studies, or related field.
  o Must possess a valid driver’s license, good driving record, and a reliable vehicle.
  o Must be able to walk at least 1 mile in the sand while carrying up to 25 pounds and engage in strenuous outdoor work in summer weather – sometimes amidst biting insects (ticks, mosquitoes, flies).
  o Must be able to work independently and communicate regularly via text message and email on smart phone.
  o Good communication, computer, and organizational skills.
  o Should work well independently or as part of a team.
  o Must be willing to engage in humane box trapping or other capture methods for lethal control of a limited number of skunks and crows at nesting beaches.

Desired Qualifications:
  o At least one field season experience working with plovers, terns or oystercatchers.
  o Familiarity with Martha’s Vineyard.
  o Proficiency in using spreadsheets, Google docs, GIS or Google maps.

Compensation: $12-$13.50/hour, plus ½ housing costs, cell phone stipend ($25/mo) and mileage reimbursement. Housing is a shared room at The Nature Conservancy Hoft Farm Field Station, ½ = $225/month

To Apply: Please email a cover letter (that includes your career goals and dates available), resume, and list of three references to: Liz Olson at: lizb@biodiversityworksmv.org. All applications must be received by midnight on 3/2/20. Applicants will be selected for interviews by 3/13/2020.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Seasonal Bat/Wildlife Assistant

Location: Martha’s Vineyard, MA  
Time Period: May 18th- November 18th (6 months)

Hours – Seasonal, 40 hrs/week, including weekends, holidays, and irregular hours  
Application deadline: 2/17/20

Position Description: BiodiversityWorks seeks a career-focused conservation professional to assist our staff with monitoring and research projects on a variety of wildlife species but particularly bats. Duties will be 75% bat monitoring and research and 25% assisting with other projects. Responsibilities include: (1) Northern long-eared and Little Brown bat maternity roost monitoring (2) Mist-netting active maternity roost sites and in forest habitat (3) Conducting emergence counts at roost sites (4) Bat acoustic monitoring across the island in summer and fall (5) Mist-netting active Northern long-eared sites in fall (6) Radio-tracking any northerns captured daily and conducting emergence at night (7) protecting nesting pairs of piping plovers, least terns, and American oystercatchers in spring/summer (8) radio-tracking spotted turtles (9) recording data in field notebook and electronic databases, (10) creating GIS/Google Earth maps from GPS data, (11) maintaining communication with supervisors, (12) participating in weekly meetings and naturalist training program, (13) creating a poster project and participating in our annual fundraising event (14) compiling bat data and assisting with data compilation and summary reports (beach-nesting birds), and (15) other duties as required.

Requirements:

- Must have Rabies pre-exposure vaccination by start of employment.
- Must have prior bat experience. Handling and banding bats preferred, but applicants with experience mist-netting and conducting acoustic surveys will be considered.
- Must be at least 18 years of age and have a degree in wildlife biology, biology, environmental studies, or related field.
- Must possess a valid driver’s license, good driving record, and a reliable vehicle.
- Must be able to walk at least 1 mile in the sand while carrying up to 25 pounds and engage in strenuous outdoor work in summer weather – sometimes amidst biting insects (ticks, mosquitoes, flies).
- Must be able to work independently and communicate regularly via text message and email on smart phone.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, computer proficiency, and organizational skills.
- Should work well independently or as part of a team.

Compensation: Pay dependent on experience ($14 – $16.50/hour), plus ½ housing costs, cell phone stipend ($25/mo) and mileage reimbursement. Housing is a shared room at The Nature Conservancy Hoft Farm Field Station, ½ = $225/month

To Apply:

Please email a cover letter with your career goals and dates available, resume, and contact information for 3 work references in one pdf document to: Liz Olson at LizB@biodiversityworksmv.org. All applications must be received by midnight on 2/17/20. Applicants selected for interviews will be notified by 2/28/2020.

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