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Fishing In the Neighborhood (FIN) Coach Internship

These positions are for energetic people who enjoy working with children and adults in the outdoors. An ideal candidate has had coursework in natural resources, education, or social work and is eager to introduce people to their local fishing opportunities. FIN opens the door for young anglers to learn a lifetime sport and provides a healthy outlet at a critical point in their lives. Coupled with the Fishing for Dinner initiative, it also introduces families and young adults to an inexpensive activity that connects them with nature, each other and a healthy, sustainable source of food.

Hours & Duration: Average 35 hours/week
May 16 through approximately August 29

Pay: \$3500.00 – Employee and Employer Payroll taxes will be taken from this amount.

Application Deadline: Monday, February 22, 2016

Number of Positions: 5

Locations: Milwaukee, Milwaukee County Parks System
Milwaukee, Urban Ecology Center – Washington Park
Green Bay, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

Intern will be payrollled through partner organizations and stationed at one of their facilities.

Duties:

80% - Fishing Education-related Duties

- Schedule and conduct fishing programs with partner organizations such as recreation agencies, Boys & Girls Clubs, nature centers, scouts, other youth development agencies, and community education providers.
- Lead fishing and aquatic resources education outings based on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Angler Education Program.
- Deliver programming to diverse audiences in terms of age, family structure, abilities and culture.
- Collaborate with DNR and host site staff to broaden program outreach.
- Monitor and maintain equipment for the Tackle Loaner Program at the host site and establish summer hours of operation.
- Maintain participation records and submit them weekly to the DNR. Submit final reports to host site and DNR at the conclusion of internship.
- Assist DNR staff at the Wisconsin State Fair a minimum of 3 days between August 1 and August 15, 2016.
- Assist fisheries field biologist 1 day per week during the summer.

20% - Additional Duties Specific to Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary:

- Constructing, installing and monitoring of fish structures
- Mapping the bottom of the Wildlife Sanctuary lagoon system
- Continue water sampling of the Wildlife Sanctuary lagoon system
- Assist in the stocking of fish
- Assist with wetland invasive species control

20% - Additional Duties Specific to Milwaukee County Parks:

- Work with partners as directed by Milwaukee County Parks to implement the Parks Department's purple loosestrife beetle rearing program
- Conduct turtle basking surveys at designated sites using Parks Department protocols
- Assist with the Parks Department's ephemeral wetland monitoring program
- Assist with aquatic invasive species control
- Conduct Stream monitoring at a designated site within the Park System- WAV Program

20% - Additional Duties Specific to Urban Ecology Center:

- Work with UEC staff and partners on related projects as directed by Urban Ecology Center.

Requirements:

- Excellent communication and organization skills.
- Experience teaching a skill to people from a wide range of backgrounds.
- Flexible, adaptable, and in possession of a good sense of humor.
- Able to work independently after initial direction.
- Able to tie a fishing knot and cast a reel, or quickly learn how to do so.
- Comfortable handling live fish and bait.
- Willingness to kill fish and cook them.
- Familiarity with Wisconsin fishing regulations.
- Attend FIN Intern Training Retreat offered by DNR in Poynette, WI, May, 23-25, 2016. Transportation from Madison to the retreat or additional funding for mileage provided.
- Clean police record. A background check will be conducted by the DNR.
- CPR and First Aid (DNR will provide if necessary)
- Driver's license and good driving record.
- Bilingual skills a plus, especially Spanish and Hmong.

How to Apply:

Submit an internship application (DNR form 9100-855), resume, cover letter and references to Theresa Stabo at the address below. Indicate the locations you wish to be considered for, in your letter.

Theresa Stabo, FH/4
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P.O. Box 7921
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Interviews (tentative dates):

Candidates selected to interview will be contacted by February 24, 2016.

Milwaukee County Parks and Urban Ecology Center Interviews will be conducted on February 26, 2016 at the Milwaukee County Parks System office, 9480 Watertown Plank Road, Wauwatosa (Milwaukee), WI

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Interviews will be conducted on, March 1, 2016 at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, 1660 E. Shore Drive, Green Bay, WI.

If you are interested in earning college credit, contact the appropriate office at your school to design an independent study. An intern project is optional.

Questions: Contact Theresa.Stabo@wisconsin.gov, 608-266-2272