



PART-TIME SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN HABITAT MANAGEMENT

Riverbend Environmental Education Center is accepting applications for 2020 Summer Habitat Management Interns to assist with the stewardship of our 30-acre nature preserve. The Habitat Management Interns, under the supervision of the Habitat and Volunteer Manager, will help maintain our trails, woodlands, gardens, ponds, and meadow areas, and assist with our ongoing woodland restoration project. Tasks will include planting, weeding, watering, mulching, pond maintenance, trail maintenance, stocking our woodpile, the identification and removal of invasive species, and debris removal. Storm and trash clean-up is also to be expected. Additionally, interns may operate small power equipment such as weed whackers or leaf blowers. This is a hands-on internship with most of the time spent working outside in nature.

Interns will spend one morning a week helping to run a Teen Volunteer Program and one afternoon assisting with camp activities to give a well-rounded Riverbend experience. In addition, they may help with preparation for special events and general maintenance.

Management tasks will include working with individual volunteers and helping to mentor and manage the Teen Summer Volunteer Program.

Interns will also be invited on occasional field trips and tours of other gardens/nature preserves. Successful applicants can expect to gain practical habitat management experience, as well as volunteer management skills and insight into the running of an environmental non-profit.

The Habitat Interns will work approximately 10 weeks for 12 hours per week and will receive a stipend of \$7.50/hour. Work weeks are flexible to accommodate family vacation plans, but the interns must be available for 10 weeks of work spread between mid-May and mid-August. Hours are likely to be Monday 9.30am – 12.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am - 3.30pm, and Thursday 9.30am -12.30pm but some flexibility is possible. College credit can be arranged by the intern and his/her college, if desired.

Requirements:

- Demonstrated interest in the natural world - gardening, ecology, botany, environmental studies, conservation, or landscape architecture.
- Ability to work independently and in groups.
- An outgoing leader who can comfortably supervise other volunteers, especially teenagers.
- Physically strong and able to work outdoors in all kinds of weather and on a hilly terrain with occasional exposure to poison ivy, biting and stinging insects, etc.
- College student or recent graduate over the age of 18.
- Child Abuse and Criminal Background checks.
- Current driver's license.

Riverbend is located in the western suburbs of Philadelphia. We are not accessible by public transportation. Interested students should contact Lorna Atkinson, Habitat and Volunteer Manager, at latkinson@riverbendec.org or 610-527-5234 x110 for an application. *Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.*