



**Schlitz Audubon**  
Nature Center

## **NATURALIST INTERN (UNPAID) POSITION DESCRIPTION**

### **OVERVIEW**

[Schlitz Audubon Nature Center](#) conserves our land's diverse habitats on Lake Michigan and provides meaningful experiences and environmental education for all. Located nine miles north of downtown Milwaukee on the shore of Lake Michigan, the Center offers six miles of trails that take visitors through 185 unique acres of forests, wetlands, restored prairies, ravines, bluffs and a shoreline beach. Annually, Schlitz Audubon serves over 145,000 visitors and nearly 27,000 children who participate in our nature science programs. Over 140 preschoolers are enrolled throughout the school year in our nationally recognized preschool. In addition, thousands of adults and families attend our educational programs year round. The Center building received the first Gold LEED certification award in the State of Wisconsin. Schlitz Audubon is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).

### **PURPOSE OF THE POSITION**

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center is offering Naturalist (unpaid) Internship. This intern will have a bachelor degree, or working towards one, in education or natural science and have an interest in gaining practical experience teaching students from elementary through middle school. By working with professional Naturalist educators, interns will develop outdoor teaching skills and learn how to incorporate their knowledge of Wisconsin natural history into lesson plans for young students. Schlitz Audubon's Spring Internship is a challenging and highly rewarding experience for someone considering a career in environmental education.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

- Assist Naturalist educators in all aspects of spring school programs
- Train on spring classes and teach spring classes
- Actively participate in all meetings
- May spend time working in other departments at the Center to learn all aspects of nature center life
- Maintain proficiency in current philosophies of environmental education

- Keep all program areas neat, clean and safe
- Occasional care and usage of live animals

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

- Bachelor Degree, or working towards one, in education field or natural science field
- Good communication and interpersonal skills including leadership qualities
- Basic knowledge of ecology and a desire to learn about environmental education
- Must be skilled in computer usage, typical word processing and database interpretation and have the ability to check and answer both email and phone messages on a regular basis
- They must be skilled in a variety of scientific equipment such as identification guides and sampling nets

### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT USE**

- Ability to perform tasks requiring physical exertion, outdoors, in all weather conditions and on difficult terrain
- Ability to stand, stoop, bend, and carry loads
- Ability to do moderate physical activity such as hiking, playing outdoor games and limited lifting (under 40 pounds)

### **HOURS & DURATION**

Seasonal internship is twelve (12) weeks in duration with an expected schedule of 20-25 hours per/week, Monday-Friday. All programs take place at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. Training is provided and the intern will shadow experienced Naturalist educators during the initial weeks of the program. The Spring Internship program runs March-May.

### **TO APPLY**

Send cover letter and resume to Tom Finley at [tfinley@schlitzaudubon.org](mailto:tfinley@schlitzaudubon.org) with Spring Intern Position in the subject line.