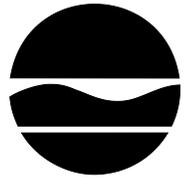


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Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

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Location

Five Rivers is in eastern New York, seven miles southwest of Albany, off Route 443 in Delmar, a rural/suburban area close to the Capital District in Albany County. Five Rivers has a small professional staff and broad-based community support. Over one hundred volunteers add greatly to the center's effectiveness.

Description

Five Rivers' 500 acres have a wonderful diversity of habitats. A hemlock-shaded forest stream, wide expanses of open meadow, and many ponds serve as magnets for wildlife. Frequent beaver and deer activity is observed and over 225 species of birds have been sighted at the center.

Being near a major population area, over 100,000 visitors come to the center annually. Five Rivers provides two-hour guided outdoor lessons spring, winter, and fall, to thousands of elementary school children. Five Rivers staff also work extensively with teachers, providing in-class programs, workshops, consultations on developing school environmental sites, and providing a vast array of teacher loan kits and other materials for use in the classroom. Five Rivers also offers a wide range of public programs on weekends and evenings, from night walks to early morning bird walks.

The Five Rivers Intern

The duties of an intern vary somewhat with the season. However in each season, an intern would be responsible for observing classes, attending training sessions, and working with students in the outdoors.

In spring and fall, interns would be most heavily involved with the school program, teaching a wide range of environmental education classes to students. In winter, interns teach classes on snowshoeing and on the art and science of maple sugaring. Summer is actually the least busy time in terms of teaching. Interns are involved with groups of families during the family nature program, senior citizen programs, and a series of public nature walks.

Qualifications

Anyone with a minimum of two years of college-level study or equivalent experience may apply. Academic training in natural resources, natural sciences (geology, biology), environmental science, interpretation, education, recreation or a related field is advantageous. Preference will be given to candidates with a strong natural history background, experience with teaching or youth leadership, and a demonstrated interest in environmental education. We expect interns to have a professional attitude and exemplify the standards of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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NATURALIST INTERN APPLICATION— FIVE RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Contact Information

Name: _____

Sex: M F

Address: _____

Are you over 18 years of age? Y N

E-mail: _____

I will be at this location until _____

Phone Number: _____

Best time to be reached _____

Internship Availability

Seasons Available (number the seasons you are available in order of preference and fill in the year):

Winter/Spring: Mid- February – Mid-June [20__]

Summer/Fall: Mid-June – Mid-October [20__]

Fall/Winter: Mid-October – Mid-February [20__]

Application Deadlines

Please submit your application by the following date for each season:

Winter/Spring = October 31

Summer/Fall = February 28

Fall/Winter = June 30

Required Information

Your application must include this completed form (or the information it contains in a Word document), your current resume, your personal statement, and list of references. Please submit it in its entirety by mail, fax, or email.

Current Resume

Please include:

- Education and work history
- List pertinent college courses
- Other notable experiences
- Hobbies, interests, skills

Personal Statement

How will you benefit from this program? Include career goals, interests, environmental concerns, etc.

References

Please include the name, email address, and phone number for a professor or a supervisor and a personal reference.

Signature _____

Date _____