



# Quogue Wildlife Refuge

## Intern Educator Little Naturalist Program Summer 2026 Internship Opportunity

### About the Quogue Wildlife Refuge

*The Quogue Wildlife Refuge is a 305 acre non-profit nature preserve that was founded in 1934 and is home to diverse wildlife. Open 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset, visitors can enjoy walking seven miles of trails to explore diverse habitats including forests and ponds, as well as the ecologically rare Dwarf Pines in the Pine Barrens. The Outdoor Wildlife Complex houses permanently injured wildlife that require human care to survive.*

*Join us for an exciting opportunity to inspire young children while gaining valuable hands-on experience in environmental education. As an intern with the Little Naturalist Program at the Refuge, you'll play a key role in fostering a love for nature and wildlife in children ages 4-6. Children attend from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. This is an Internship for a College Student studying Environmental, Early Childhood Education, Educational or Animal related sciences.*

### Internship Details:

- **Internship Duration: 10 weeks; 13.5 hours per week minimum.**
- **Daily hours: 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Tuesday to Thursday starting June 30, 2026 to September 3, 2026.**
- **Three half-day training dates in June to be determined by availability.**
- **\$500 Stipend upon full completion of Internship.**

### Key Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with QWR Educator to teach lessons, lead engaging activities such as crafts, nature hikes, and games, and ensure the safety of children during the program.
- Support the smooth operation of the program by assisting with attendance, generating ideas for crafts and games, and setting up and breaking down program activities.
- Act as a representative of the Refuge by interacting with parents, families, and visitors to share knowledge about local wildlife and the Refuge's mission.
- Maintain a clean and organized program space after each session.

### Benefits of the Internship:

- Develop teaching and leadership skills while educating young children about nature.
- Gain in-depth knowledge about the wildlife and habitats of Long Island.
- Work with native and non-native animal species in an educational setting.
- Learn how a non-profit organization operates and contributes to environmental conservation.
- This internship is ideal for individuals passionate about nature, wildlife education, and working with children in a fun, dynamic environment.

### How to Apply:

→ E-Mail Resume and Cover Letter to Cara Fernandes at [Programs@QuogueWildlifeRefuge.org](mailto:Programs@QuogueWildlifeRefuge.org)

→ Include 'Little Naturalist Intern 2026' in Subject Line

→ To be considered for an Interview & the Position: Include the last date of your summer availability and any dates you cannot accommodate in your Cover Letter. The last date of Little Naturalist is September 3, however QWR recognizes many college semesters begin prior.