



Quogue Wildlife Refuge

Intern Educator ~ Summer Ecology 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 children while gaining valuable hands-on experience in environmental education. As an intern educator with the Summer Ecology Program at the Refuge, you'll play a key role in fostering a love for nature and wildlife in children in grades 2nd to 11th. This is an Internship for a College Student studying Environmental, Early Childhood Education, Educational or Animal related sciences.

Job Details:

- **Daily hours: Monday to Friday; 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM***
 - ***On July 9, July 23, & August 13, daily hours are 8:30 AM - 12:30PM; and returning on the same day for Night Hike 6:30PM - 10:30 PM. On July 30, hours are 8:30 AM - 12:30PM; and returning for the campover from 6:30 PM - 9:30 AM on July 31.**
- **Duration: 9 weeks; 25 hours to 37.5 hours per week (based on camp week schedule) starting June 29 to Aug 28, 2026. Two to three training dates in June to be determined by availability.**
- **Summer programming includes 3 kayak adventures, 3 trips to Sunken Forest Fire Island, 3 Night Hikes, and 1 campover at QWR - see above dates.**
- **\$700 Stipend upon full completion of Internship.**

Key Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with QWR Educators to teach lessons, lead engaging immersive experiences such as nature hikes, seining, and games, and ensure the safety of children during the program.
- Support the smooth operation of the program by assisting with attendance and setting up/ breaking down program activities, including immersion into Refuge habitats, mud, and shallow waters to facilitate hands-on learning and exploration for campers.
- 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 Opportunity:

- 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.

How to Apply:

- E-Mail Resume and Cover Letter to Cara Fernandes at Programs@QuogueWildlifeRefuge.org
- Include 'Summer Ecology Intern Educator 2026' in Subject Line
- Include the last date of your summer availability and any dates you cannot accommodate in your Cover Letter. Preference will be given to candidates fully available for the entire program.

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