

Quogue Wildlife Refuge

Southampton Township Wildfowl Association



Summer 2020 Internship Opportunity

POSITION: Intern Educator for Little Naturalist Program

This is an unpaid Internship for a College Student studying Environmental, Educational or Animal related sciences.

DURATION: 9- weeks, 22 hours per week minimum

SCHEDULE: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM, starting June 30, plus Saturday or Sunday 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. 2 half day training in June.

Organization Background: The Quogue Wildlife Refuge is a 300 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 including a bald eagle, owls, falcons, foxes and other native New York animals. The Charles Banks Belt Nature Center offers spectacular views of Old Ice Pond as well as a variety of wildlife exhibits, live animals, a nature library, and gift shop.

Internship Activities:

- Assist in teaching lessons, leading activities such as crafts, hikes and games for children attending the Little Naturalist Program. Nine sessions of this Program are offered throughout the summer. Children ages 4, 5, 6 years old attend from 9am-noon during this 3 day program.
- Assist with attendance, and various aspects of the program including ideas for crafts and games, set up and break down of camp activities, and safety of children.
- Independently provide care (food, water, cage cleaning, and observation) to the resident animals here including raptors, foxes, turkeys, reptiles etc. 1 weekend day per week
- Opening & Closing of Nature Center & Independently Staffing Nature Center 1 weekend day a week: greeting visitors, answering phone, signing up folks for programs, Educate the public about local wildlife and about the Refuge, assist with sales table items, maintain neatness of nature center for visitors.

This is a great opportunity to gain experience educating young children about nature, to learn about the various wildlife and habitats of Long Island, to interact with and learn to teach with and about a variety of native and non-native species. Also an opportunity to gain an understanding of how a non-profit organization operates.

How to Apply: E-Mail resume and cover letter to Marisa Nelson, Assistant Director Marisa@QuogueWildlifeRefuge.org. Include 'Intern Educator for Little Naturalist Program' in Subject Line.