



Nature Reserve Internship

Anticipated Start Date

July 2, 2013

Payment Description

6 month full-time internship paid at \$15/hour.

Location

Ontario Nature head office—214 King St West, Suite 612, Toronto ON

Job Description:

Ontario Nature is seeking a candidate for a Nature Reserve Intern position. The successful candidate will assist the Nature Reserves Coordinator with coordinating and hosting events on, and in the communities around, our Nature Reserves. These events will involve educational walks and talks that inform the public about the interesting natural features that can be found on our nature reserves. The candidate will also assist in biological inventory of our reserves including all flora and fauna but with a particular emphasis on massasaugas on the Bruce Peninsula. Finally, the intern will assist with Ecological Land Classification of our newest reserve. The successful candidate will be enthusiastic and organized, will have excellent public speaking skills, and will be familiar with Ontario flora and fauna.

Principle responsibilities of the intern include:

- Assisting with educational hikes and presentations to the public
- Identifying and speaking about flora and fauna found on our Nature Reserves
- Assisting with surveys for species at risk on our nature reserves, particularly massasaugas
- Assisting in Ecological Land Classification of our nature reserves
- Inputting data recorded in the field into excel or access databases
- Creating GIS maps and running GIS analyses using ArcGIS 9.3 Gathering data from various sources to input into mapping software

Qualifications and Experience:

- Excellent public speaking skills
- Knowledge of Ontario's flora and fauna
- Knowledge of Ontario's species at risk
- Good leadership, organizational and problem-solving skills
- Self-motivated and a demonstrated ability to work independently
- Proficiency with Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, Access and Word
- Basic knowledge of ArcGIS software



- Are eligible for the Science Horizons Youth Internship Program (www.ec.gc.ca/sci_hor/)

The position will be based at Ontario Nature's Head Office located downtown Toronto, with fieldwork occurring all across southern and eastern Ontario.

Please apply by e-mailing your resume and cover letter to John Urquhart, Conservation Science Manager, by June 13, 2013. **Please include Nature Reserve Internship in the subject line.**

Although Ontario Nature appreciates the efforts of all those who apply for this position, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No unsolicited emails or phone calls please.

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