

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INTERNSHIP

at the Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center

Position Duration: Mandatory Intern Training Weekend May 13-15, 2022, with arrival at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13. June-August 2022, with weekends in spring and fall when available.

Locations: [Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center](#) is located off Island Beach State Park, Seaside Park, NJ.

General Description:

For the 2022 season, Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center will run one-day hands-on environmental education programs for summer camps, environmental groups, and the public. Groups learn about the natural and cultural history of Barnegat Bay and explore the marine environment through kayaking, seining, fishing, shellfish restoration, and other hands-on activities.

Interns will each have their own room in the Sedge House and be able to stay overnight when programs as scheduled on consecutive days. The main building has a living room, full kitchen, dining room, and seven bunkrooms. The facility is truly "off the grid." A Clivus Multrum Composting Toilet composts sewage, while solar power provides the necessary electricity. To view the facility, click [here](#).

Job Duties:

- Assist and lead teaching adults and students in an outdoor classroom setting about New Jersey's estuarine natural resources.
- Lead group activities, including house tours, meal preparation, and cleaning prior to group departure.
- Maintain program equipment and help keep the Sedge House organized.
- Assist with on-going research projects, including northern diamond-back terrapin, shellfish aquaculture, osprey monitoring and more.
- Upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of Sedge Island equipment and facilities.

Qualifications:

- Must be a rising Freshman, Sophomore or Junior year of college, working towards a degree in marine science, natural resource management, environmental studies, environmental education, education, or related field.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and personal vehicle.
- Interest in wildlife management techniques and coastal ecology.
- Ability to communicate and work well with others and independently.
- Comfortable working long, hot days outside and in the water.
- Passion for teaching students of all ages.
- Experience in kayaking, fishing, crabbing, clamming, and birding, a plus but not required.
- Must be 18 years or older.

Benefits: This is a volunteer (unpaid) internship however, you will:

- gain resume building experience in environmental and cultural interpretation.
- gain research experience.
- learn about flora and fauna of the salt marsh.
- interact with some of New Jersey's top biologists.
- earn college internship credit, if applicable to your school and degree program.

To Apply:

Send your resume and cover letter to Karen Byrne at karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov.

Deadline to apply March 4, 2022.



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