

Education Intern

Birds of Vermont Museum

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The Birds of Vermont Museum is a delightful place where visitors can learn about birds and their role in our natural world. A private, non-profit organization, the Museum features over 480 carved birds representing over 250 species. The woodcarvings depict Vermont's nesting species in their natural habitats as well as North America's endangered and extinct species. The Museum's displays, the surrounding 100 acre bird sanctuary/nature preserve, and the bird viewing window, offer visitors a unique opportunity to see and study birds that will not fly away! The Museum's founding director and master woodcarver, Robert Spear, Jr., has carved most of the collection. He is assisted by his apprentice, Ingrid Riga. Along with the Green Mountain Audubon Center, the Museum is part of Huntington's only Important Bird Area.

We seek *self-motivated students* interested in environmental education, conservation biology, non-profit management, the museum field, natural history, and/or wood carving. We offer experience in operating a small museum, teaching practice and lesson planning, visitor services, exhibit planning and construction, bird research, writing articles for lay readers, and much more. If your school permits, academic credit may be possible. Get in touch, and let us help each other!

Responsibilities

Intern will spend approximately 50% of their time assisting museum staff in general museum responsibilities. This may include greeting visitors, helping with school groups, running the gift shop, answering bird related questions, cleaning, assisting with media relations, maintaining trails, and/or other helping with other administrative duties. Interns will be expected to write one newsletter and one blog article about their experience or a topic of their choice. The remainder of their time will be spent on a project relating to their field of interest. Some project ideas are: creating a temporary museum exhibit (bird or carving related), writing an educational trail brochure, designing educational bulletin boards, and/or working on educational gardens or new trails. Other projects could be to: plan, invite, and host an educational program for kids or adults, lead a nature walk, design and implement a field research project, build custom designed bird houses or bird feeders, and/or write articles for newspapers, magazines, or on-line media. Interns should be able to commit 8-20 hours per week.

Qualifications

Students interested in environmental education, conservation biology, the museum field, non-profit management, natural history, and/or wood carving.

Resources available

Staff is available to assist in all aspects of the project, resource library, and workshop.

If interested, please contact:

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