

Estuary Education Leadership (EEL) Internship

Position Description

Location: Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (WBNERR), 131 Waquoit Highway, Waquoit, MA 02536

About WBNERR: WBNERR is one of thirty sites that make up the National Research Reserve System. The Reserve is managed and funded as a federal/state partnership between National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The Reserve is made up of open waters, barrier beaches, sand dunes, fresh and salt marshes, rivers, and forest. WBNERR is working to promote stewardship of coastal areas through research and education.

About the Internship: The EEL intern is designed for high school students entering their Junior or Senior year of high school who have an interest in science or nature. The intern will be mentored by WBNERR staff to encourage interest in science with hands-on learning experiences as well as leadership development.

Duties and Experiences:

- Assist with public environmental education programs and group visits.
- Assist with a pilot program growing Salt Marsh grasses.
- Partner with Interpretive staff on Piping plover and Osprey education.
- Take part in research opportunities.

Qualifications:

- Entering 11th or 12th grade
- Demonstrates reliability, creativity, leadership, and communication skills.
- Experience and/or interest in outdoor activities, nature, science, or stewardship.

Hours and Compensation: EEL Internship is an 8-week program in July and August. Students will work two days a week (15 hours x \$15/per hour) and will receive a stipend of \$1,800 total.

How to Apply: Students need to fill out an application and have one teacher reference. Please send application to: Jayne DiCandio, School and Interpretive Programs Coordinator

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