

Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass

Forestry/ Environmental Education Internship



Position Summary

Forestry/ Environmental Education Intern assists in the management of Life Adventure Center's forest resources.

Mission

The mission of the Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass Internship Program is to provide an experiential learning experience that is based on education, skill acquisition/utilization, and character development.

Value Statement

Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass values interns that are self-motivated, responsible, innovative, hard working, flexible, adaptable, respectful, professional, and possess a team mentality.

Qualifications

All interns must:

- be at least 16 years of age or older.
- possess a valid driver's license, have the ability to drive, or have a reliable source of transportation.
- submit to background check and drug-screen prior to beginning internship.

Prior experience in related-field to position, which you are applying, is preferred. Desire or interest may also be considered.

Job Duties and Responsibilities

1. Maintains a positive, productive, and open working relationship with management and staff.
2. Responsible for working with the local forester and farm manager to implement Timber Stand Improvement practices in our 250-acre forest. Duties may include girdling trees for removal, tracking and removing invasive species, and adhering to all safety guidelines when using tools and equipment.
3. Responsible for planning and implementing a forestry demonstration/volunteer service day.
4. Observes and assists in environmental education activities based on the Life Adventure Center curriculum in the pre-determined timeframe requested by the group.
5. Maintains awareness of participants' physical and emotional safety at all times.
6. Prepares and maintains garden resources: leaves the garden area clean and organized, and returns all garden supplies restocked and cleaned to their storage area.
7. Provides services in a professional manner, which respects individual dignity and cultural heritage.
8. Maintains a willingness and ability to collaborate with other programs and other services provided by Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass.
9. Assists Farm Manager with additional tasks as needed at Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass.
10. Other duties may be assigned.

Anticipated Start Date Spring 2012

Internship Supervisor Environmental Education Program Manager, Alexis Sohlden

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Internships Available

Two general categories of internships are available at Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass, Level I and Level II. Both may be pursued as a part-time or full-time internship. Part-time internships consist of 5-32 hours per week. Full-time internships consist of 32+ hours per week.

Level I Internship – Available to high school students that are at least 16 years old and college freshman. Level I internships are unpaid.

Level II Internship – Available to college students who have completed their freshman year and are at least 18 years old and above. Level II Interns must be enrolled and in good standing in a related-college level field to which they are applying. Level II interns over the age of 18 may operate gators and tractors while interns over the age of 21 may operate motor vehicles after satisfactorily completing a driving test. Rustic accommodations may be made available on a case-by-case basis for full-time Level II interns. Level II interns will receive a modest living stipend that is dependent on hours/week.

Internship Length

Internship length will depend on academic requirements and the schedules of both the prospective intern and Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass intern supervisor.

Application

Please fill out attached Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass Intern Application. Send application, supplemental questions, and/or resume to alexis@lacbg.com or Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass, PO Box 447, Versailles, KY 40383, Attn: Alexis Sohlden. Submission of additional supplemental questions is necessary. Supplemental questions can be found on page 3 of this document.

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Supplemental Application Questions for Forestry/ Environmental Education Intern

Please answer these questions with as much details as possible. The more detailed you are, the easier it is for us to see if you will be a good fit for Life Adventure Center. You can answer these questions using experience/background from professional or non-professional settings.

1. Please describe your forestry background including any knowledge of invasive plants, silviculture, stand management practices, and any other relevant information. This background can include education, organizations, work, volunteer, or personal experiences.
2. Please describe your future forestry goals.
3. Please describe your environmental education background including any knowledge of local flora/fauna, cultural history, natural resources, group facilitation, and any other relevant information. This background can include education, organizations, work, volunteer, or personal experiences.
4. Please describe a project in which you had to develop, implement, and evaluate a plan.
5. What times would you be available to work during a typical week (morning, afternoon, evening, etc...)?
6. Why do you want to become the Forestry/ Environmental Education Intern at Life Adventure Center?

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