

# Nature Center Summer Internship

Sherwood Island State Park, Westport, CT

Timeframe Wednesdays through Sundays, 32 days, from May 22 to Sept 2, 2019

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## Job Description

Seven interns will assist the Nature Center Director in all aspects of programming and daily operations for the park's summer season. The intern program is funded by the Friends of Sherwood Island State Park, a nonprofit organization. Interns report to the CT DEEP Nature Center Director and work in cooperation with the Friends' group Nature Center liaison. Each intern will schedule 32 six-hour days with the Director, 3-4 days/week. Weeks worked depend upon when you are available. We are flexible, but want a strong commitment from you to be there when agreed.

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## Essential Daily Job Duties & Responsibilities

- Welcome visitors to the Nature Center
  - Staff and maintain the aquatic touch tank
  - Set up & assist visitors with nature-related arts & crafts activity
  - Care for live animals residing in the Nature Center
  - Assist with daily seining program
  - Assist with monitoring the Purple Martin nesting gourds, and other Citizen Science projects
  - Assist with programming, such as Horseshoe Crab tagging and nature walks
  - Develop and care for interpretive exhibits
  - Water the Pollinator garden as needed
  - Assist with Disc Golf loan program
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## Minimum Required Skills

- High school or college student with a focus on environmental studies or education
  - Strong work ethic & reliability
  - Enthusiasm for teaching people of all ages
  - Teaching experience and specific skills, such as birdwatching, fishing or animal care
  - Minimum 16 years old, parent/guardian permission if under 18 years old
  - Bilingual, Spanish speaking ability is a plus
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## Stipend

\$1000 for the season. Parent/guardian consent required if under 18. Contact us below if you are willing to commit to working part of this summer as described above. Other volunteer positions are available apart from this internship, no age minimum.

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Application due by April 22

Interested candidates can find more information at: <http://friendsofsherwoodisland.org>. Internship applications can be found here: <http://friendsofsherwoodisland.org/interning-at-the-nature-center/>. Contact Adam at [AgoodSherwood@gmail.com](mailto:AgoodSherwood@gmail.com) or 845-249-9956 if you have questions.