



Research & Conservation Internship

Community Outreach & Water Literacy Coordinator

Duration: 12 weeks (Full-time employment starting May/June)

Stipend: \$3,000 (housing not included)

Riveredge Nature Center was established in 1968 and is located in Newburg, WI, a rural northeastern Wisconsin community. The sanctuary includes the 47-acre Riveredge Creek and Ephemeral Pond State Natural Area, over 1.5 miles of frontage along the Milwaukee River, 37 acres of prairie establishment, beech-maple forest, and pond, swamp and fen communities. Prized by educators, naturalists and biologists for its exceptional biotic diversity, Riveredge is a regional resource for scientific research, hosting more than 40 studies, projects, inventories, monitoring programs, surveys, and other types of scientific investigations to date.

Position Purpose

Riveredge Nature Center launched the Community Rivers Program (CRP) in 2017. This program is a community based approach to transforming the Upper Milwaukee River Watershed through the engagement of the rural villages in its region. It is our hope that the CRP will inspire the residents to care about their watershed, educate them about the challenges faced by the watershed, and engage them in changing land management practices to help improve the habitat and quality of water in the watershed. The project achieves this through a series of personal engagement, adventure activities, and community-wide efforts. The Community Outreach and Water Literacy Coordinator will be a critical component in engaging and educating CRP community residents about the Milwaukee River watershed.

Responsibilities

- Implement evaluation activities (survey, focus groups, etc.) for CRP stakeholders under the supervision of the Director of Research & Conservation and the Education Technology and Evaluation Specialist.
- Coordinate Riveredge's community outreach efforts for the CRP program, including hosting CRP/Riveredge booths at community events, conducting afternoon and evening programs, presenting the CRP at different venues throughout the CRP community to targeted groups under the direction of the Family and Community Programs Manager.
- Help to coordinate and maintain marketing materials and social media pages specific to the CRP.
- Co-teach summer school environmental programming focused on river and watershed health for the Village of Grafton.
- Assist with all CRP programming and workshops.
- Assist with other duties related to the mission and goals of the Riveredge Nature Center and the CRP.

Preferred Qualifications

- A Junior or Senior at a college/university or has obtained a Bachelor's degree in natural resources, environmental education, or related field.
- Comfort in talking to people from diverse backgrounds about water quality and how water quality and land use impacts watersheds.
- Proficient in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and Google applications.
- Good communication skills, punctual, creative and energetic.
- Ability to work as a team member as well as individually.
- Ability to work with a diverse group of people.
- Self-starter and self-directed.

To Apply

Please send resume, cover letter and contact information for three references electronically (in PDF or Word.doc Format) to: Mandie Zopp, Director of Research & Conservation: mzopp@riveredge.us. Position is open until filled.