

Job Title: Coastal Preserves Environmental Interpreter Intern

Location: Biloxi, MS

Duration: 10-12 weeks, 40 hrs/week

Principal Responsibilities and Description:

The Coastal Preserves environmental interpreter internship provides a great opportunity for the intern to share his/her enthusiasm for conservation of MS Gulf Coast natural areas while gaining experience in natural resource conservation and outreach. The DMR's Coastal Preserves Program conserves and manages resources within state-owned natural areas; including threatened and endangered species and nesting areas, sensitive habitats, natural and restored tidal marsh, and public nature trails.

The successful applicant will develop and present information to residents and tourists visiting Coastal Preserve areas. Information presented will include, but is not limited to, cultural and historical significance, native species and habitats, Leave-no-Trace principles, management activities, environmental stewardship opportunities, and seasonal modifications (i.e. closures for nesting areas, management activities, etc.). Presentations will be in the form of guided tours of natural areas, slide shows to local interest groups, and hands-on demonstrations. Additional duties may include visitor use surveys, visitor impact monitoring, and involvement with Coastal Preserve management activities.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

Must have a working knowledge of coastal floral and faunal communities and a basic knowledge of surrounding coastal systems. The applicant should have excellent speaking and networking skills and should have a keen interest in coastal ecology, history, and culture. This intern position will require interaction with diverse audiences and the applicant should be comfortable presenting to small and large groups ranging in age from young children to older adults of all experience levels. The ideal intern should demonstrate the ability to implement multiple project tasks simultaneously and the ability to work effectively with others. This intern position requires working outdoors, under limited supervision in remote and often uncomfortable environments (i.e. hot, humid, buggy).

Please include in your application any training or skills that have related to this position (i.e. interpretive guide, bird or plant identification, CPR certification, boat/ATV experience, etc.). The applicant should also be comfortable riding in small and large boats on open water.

Education Requirements:

Pursuing a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university in natural resource management, wildlife biology, environmental science, environmental education, ecology, marine science, biology, botany, geography, forestry, or a related field.