



Environmental Education Teaching Internship

in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Minnesota Valley Trust, a nonprofit partner of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, seeks to employ an Environmental Education Teaching Intern October 2020 through May 2021.

The intern will gain hands-on, real world experiences working with and assisting professional environmental education staff from the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge in leading K-5th grade education programs online, developing curriculum, and maintaining educational resources. Additional opportunities exist to assist the Refuge staff with events. Some weekend work may be requested. As we plan for teaching in the time of COVID-19, we expect that much of the teaching experience will take place via online platforms. Come learn new skills in environmental education!



About Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge & Wetland Management District (Refuge/WMD):

We operate two visitor centers in Bloomington and Carver, MN. Located within the busy metropolitan area of the Twin Cities, the refuge provides many opportunities for residents to connect with nature. The 15,000-acre wildlife refuge is a haven to bald eagles, river otters, waterfowl and a variety of other wildlife. Refuge habitat is a mixture of wetlands, floodplain and upland forest, oak savanna and prairie along the Minnesota River.

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/minnesota_valley

Qualifications: We are looking for resourceful applicants who are working toward or recently completed a degree and have a passion for connecting kids to the outdoors. The 2020-2021 school year presents new opportunities and challenges we are excited to solve. The intern will need to work both independently and in small groups, while using digital conferencing platforms. Comfort in front of a camera, basic video editing and digital content development skills are desired.

The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge works closely with teachers and schools with diverse student bodies and a high proportion of students that receive free and reduced lunch. Demonstrated cultural competence, including experience working with students from diverse cultures, are desired.

Dates, hours & location of work: Anticipated period of work is September 28, 2020-May 28, 2021. Work hours generally will be 8am-4pm Monday-Friday; some weekend and evening hours may be needed for events. At least initially, work will be virtual because of COVID-19. When in-person work is possible, work locations will be at the visitor centers in Bloomington and Carver.

Compensation: \$15.00/hour plus benefits (80% of health insurance premium, 50% of dental insurance premium, 100% of life and disability insurance premium, employer match of employee retirement contribution up to 3% of wages).

To apply for a Teaching Internship: Please submit the following by September 4, 2020:

- 1) one-page cover letter describing personal background and interests
- 2) detailed resume noting education, experience and skills
- 3) three references

Email applications and inquiries to: minnesotavalleyrefuge@gmail.com

Call Cortney Solum at 612-246-0337, for more information.