



Audubon VERMONT

NATURE EDUCATION INTERNSHIP Work Outdoors and Receive Credit!

Location

Green Mountain Audubon Center (GMAC) in Huntington. The GMAC is Vermont's longest-running environmental education center, connecting people to nature for the past 50 years. It is conveniently located between Burlington and Montpelier. The GMAC's 255 acres is an ideal outdoor classroom with forests, ponds, meadows, and the Huntington River all within walking distance.

About Audubon

The National Audubon Society is dedicated to protecting birds and other wildlife and the habitat that supports them. Audubon's mission is to engage people in bird conservation on a hemispheric scale through science, policy, education, and on-the-ground conservation action. Learn more at <http://vt.audubon.org/>

Position Summary

For those interested in environmental education, GMAC provides students and graduates an unpaid internship. Gain practical experience teaching students from preschool through high school while working directly with GMAC's team of professional Teacher/Naturalists. Work on some or all of the following programs:

Fall Internship

<p>School Programs: Field trips and outreach comprise the core of our education programs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Preschool-age students</i> visit for 1-2 hours programs including Critter Construction, Autumn Inquiry, and Let's Talk Turkeys • <i>Elementary and middle school students</i> visit for half or full-day programs including Secret Lives of Trees, All About Birds, Wilderness Skills, Orienteering, Insect Investigations, and Autumn Inquiry. 	<p>Forest Preschool: We invite preschoolers (ages 3-5) to spend Friday mornings in the woods, at our Forest Camp. Seasonal changes guide our weekly theme and activities, with plenty of sensory exploration and free play time. Visit http://vt.audubon.org/forest-preschool.</p>
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Winter/Spring Internship

<p>School Programs: Field trips and outreach comprise the core of our education programs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Preschool-age students</i> visit for 1-2 hours programs including Snug in the Snow, Tricky Tracks, Wilderness Skills, and Maple Sugaring • <i>Elementary and middle school students</i> visit for half or full-day programs including Secret Lives of Trees, All About Birds, Wilderness Skills, Insect Investigations, Wetlands and Watersheds, and Maple Sugaring 	<p>Forest Preschool: We invite 12 preschoolers (ages 3-5) to spend Friday mornings in the woods, at our Forest Camp. Seasonal changes guide our weekly theme and activities, with plenty of sensory exploration and free play time. Visit http://vt.audubon.org/forest-preschool.</p>
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Summer Internship

<p>Summer Programs: Field trips and outreach comprise the core of our education programs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Preschool-age students</i> visit for 1-2 hours programs including Down by the River, Insect Extravaganza, Whirligigs and Water Tigers, and Wiggly Worms • <i>Elementary and middle school students</i> visit for half or full-day programs including Secret Lives of Trees, All About Birds, Wilderness Skills, Insect Investigations, and Wetlands and Watersheds. 	<p>Summer Camp: Audubon Vermont hosts 8 weeks of summer day camp to over 250 kids from our local communities. Campers explore, investigate, and discover in our forests, ponds, rivers, wetlands, and fields. vt.audubon.org/camps</p>
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All seasonal interns will gain experience and/or knowledge in:

- **Local natural history, teaching and public speaking expertise, program planning experience, and research skills;**
- Leading and co-leading small groups of students through seasonal programs;
- Developing lesson plans and curricula for an outdoor setting;
- Connecting kids with nature through the arts of questioning, storytelling, and role-modeling interest and empathy towards all living things.

******* Each intern will work with the Education Manager to develop a customized teaching schedule and semester-long project, based on your individual learning goals. *******

Schedule

Programs occur Monday through Friday during the school day (8am-3pm). Interns must be able to **commit to 1-2 days per week** and must be available to teach on those days between 8am and 3pm. Candidates must have reliable transportation to/from the GMAC. **** Note: If you are only available for half-days or for part of the internship period, please contact us to discuss options. Start and end dates will be posted on our website:

<http://vt.audubon.org/conservation/internship-opportunities>

Essential Functions

- Working closely with staff to effectively develop and deliver programs in-line with GMAC operations.
- Creating and maintaining nature and environmental education materials for on- and off-site use.
- Assisting with the design and maintenance of age-appropriate indoor and outdoor classroom spaces.

Qualifications and Experience

- Fit into one or more of these categories:
 - Currently enrolled in an environmental or education program (you can receive course credit for this internship)
 - Have taken courses that focus on conservation, environmental education, biology, natural history, or a related major
 - Have previous related experience in outdoor education
- Interest in connecting people to nature and developing your own natural history, conservation, and nature mentoring skills.
- Desire to teach nature-based programming in an outdoor setting, in all weather.
- Interest in pedagogy, curriculum development, and lesson planning.

To Apply

Please send a cover letter and resume to Debbie Archer, Education Coordinator. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, until the positions are filled. darcher@audubon.org ; 802-434-3068