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Environmental Education Internship/Volunteer

Position Description:

The environmental education department at the Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District is offering interns the opportunity to assist with current programs and develop and present natural resource conservation programs to groups of all ages. Programs may be created for use in both classrooms and field settings for school students or adults.

Qualifications:

Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age, have an interest in natural resource conservation and a desire to educate others about the environment. A background in science, biology, or education is helpful, but not necessary. A commitment to establishing quality programs, a willingness to learn and the desire to have fun.

Requirements:

Attend training with Education Specialist, to include volunteer procedures, classroom procedures, teaching techniques. Specific training on conservation capsules can be done one on one, or by shadowing other instructors. Education Volunteer must train with two instructors, shadowing and teaching alongside before teaching on their own. Education Specialists will decide if more training is necessary.

Benefits:

Although no funding is presently available, interns may be able to receive college credit for their work. Volunteers will improve their communication skills, develop a portfolio and enhance their resume. An understanding of the interaction and cooperation among conservation agencies such as the Virginia Departments of Forestry, Conservation and Recreation, Environmental Quality, USDA – Natural Resource Conservation Service and the county offices will be developed.

Other Information:

A commitment to a minimum of 12 hours over a 12 month period. The volunteer must provide personal transportation, and will not have access to the district vehicle. All other information is provided in the volunteer handbook.