

## Turkey Creek Nature Preserve

### Summer Internship 2016

#### Job Description

This internship is an excellent opportunity to train and work at one of Alabama's most unique nature preserves. The summer internship is especially appropriate for students majoring in Urban Environmental Studies, Biology, Education, History, or any related field. Intern will gain experience and understanding of the principals and practices of environmental education, natural resource management; water quality monitoring; land-use management practices and public policy.

**General Responsibilities Include:** Assist with outdoor educational programs, summer science camps, and special events. Conduct general preserve stewardship, which may include: trail and facility maintenance, garden upkeep, invasive species eradication, biological surveys, water quality monitoring, GIS mapping, and grounds keeping. In addition, interns will have the opportunity to conduct a guided independent project.

#### Summer Internship Project Ideas:

- Develop an onsite native plant propagation garden and greenhouse
- Design and implement historical and ecological interpretive materials for the Nature Center
- Develop new hands-on outdoor educational programs. Possible topics include: Ornithology (birds), Herpetology (reptiles and amphibians), or Entomology (insects)

**Qualifications:** Candidate should be interested in training within the fields of environmental studies, public policy, education, and/ or natural resource management. Intern must be able to communicate with a diverse audience including k-12 students, civic organizations, clubs, environmental groups and the general public. Have the proven ability to work well alone or in groups, set deadlines and follow through on assignments, be detail-oriented and have a valid driver's license with a good driving record. Intern should be capable of working in adverse conditions may include: biting insects or snakes, intense heat, and unstable preserve visitors. Although not required, some experience using lawn care equipment is preferred.

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