



Intern Position Description

Department: Edge of Appalachia Preserve System Young Ecologists Training Institute (YETI)

Job Title: Naturalist/Field Research Intern

Purpose: The Young Ecologist's Training Institute (YETI), is a project based summer program designed to allow students to engage in field-based scientific research on the 20,000-acre Edge of Appalachia Preserve System (EOA). Working together in small groups, student researchers will have opportunities to ask questions and investigate the natural world, design protocols, gather and record data and, most importantly, share their conclusions with others.

The Richard and Lucile Durrell Edge of Appalachia Preserve System is a 20,000 acre nature preserve located in beautiful Adams County, Ohio. The preserve is owned and managed by Cincinnati Museum Center and The Nature Conservancy in Ohio. Both of these private non-profit organizations have been working in partnership to conserve the rare and unusual flora and fauna of Adams County since 1959.

Students participating in YETI are junior high and high school students from Adams County with a desire to learn more about the ecology of Adams County. Many of these students are former EOA Science Campers. Others are coming into the program with recommendations from their school's science teacher.

Dates: Tuesdays through Thursdays during the months of June and July, plus the first week of August

Location: Edge of Appalachia Preserve System in Adams County, Ohio. Nearest town is West Union, Ohio.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist the Chief Naturalist in supervising YETI participants with field research projects.
- Share in the execution of daily tasks including, but not limited to, minor cleaning, research equipment use and maintenance, and attending the general needs of children in an outdoor situation.
- Help with the daily drop-off and pick-up procedures.
- Guarantee YETI attendees' safety by adhering to Cincinnati Museum Center policies.
- Other duties as assigned

Requirements:

- Have an Associate or B.S. degree in **OR** be currently enrolled in a degree program for Natural Sciences, Biology, Nature Interpretation, Environmental Education or related field.
- Possess a basic understanding of natural history concepts and have a desire to share this knowledge with children.
- Current certification in first aid/CPR
- Candidate must be outgoing, mature, responsible and enjoy working with children.
- Basic identification skills in dendrology, stream ecology, herpetology and native plants a plus
- Previous experience working with middle and high school aged children preferred.
- Ability to work in all kinds of weather conditions with a positive attitude

Other Considerations: Candidate will be working in a remote and rural area of southern Ohio. Work is conducted within the rugged, un-glaciated landscapes of southeastern Adams County and is frequently "off-trail." The nature of the work will subject candidate to insects, ticks, heat and rough terrain. In addition, the Edge of Appalachia Preserve System is conducting an All Taxa Biotic Index (ATBI). To this end, the candidate will be exposed to various methods of collecting and preserving specimens for the Museum's collection.

Reports To: Robyn Wright-Strauss, Chief Naturalist

Benefits: On-site housing

Dress Code: Weather appropriate clothing, long pants preferred. Closed-toed shoes/boots and waterproof raincoat required.

Age Requirement: 18 years or older