

Chester Woods Internship Description

This internship is a combination of naturalist and natural resource management. During your time with us you will be introduced to several aspects of the park such as leading programs and creating interpretive signage to learning all about the native plants and trees that inhabit SE Minnesota, as well as educating about the aquatic invasive species that threaten our native waters. Along with the previous tasks you will be also learning the day to day operations and management of a regional park. Our hopes are to give you the most diverse opportunity you could have. This is a combined effort between the Friends of Chester Woods, Zumbro Valley Audubon, and the State of Minnesota AIS grant.

Qualifications:

Anyone with a preferred minimum of one year college level study or equivalent experience and able to work in the United States may apply. Academic study in natural resources, natural sciences, interpretation, education, recreation or a related field is advantageous. A valid driver's license is required.

Responsibilities:

- Lead nature walks/hikes
- Lead nature programs for all ages
- Keep interpretive posters, brochures and signage current
- Updating/Creating new interpretive signage
- Keep wildflower interpretive trail current and labeled
- Weekly checks on the natural playscape
- Weekly Reservoir water sampling
- Attending sponsoring organizations meetings
- Staffing educational public booths (i.e. Rochesterfest, Olmsted County Fair)
- Assist with the vehicle entrance gate
- Make campground reservations and boat rentals
- Assist staff in the daily maintenance needed throughout the park
- Monitoring trails
- Educating about Aquatic Invasive Species
- Attend general staff trainings, i.e. CPR, equipment usage, etc.

Work Schedule:

The work days run in 8 hour shifts with a total of a 40 hour work week. This internship does have evening and weekend hours. It runs for a total of 10 weeks.