

Conservation Internship Opportunity



Position: Conservation Intern

Application Deadline: Feb 26, 2024, 11:59pm AKST

Location: Soldotna, Alaska

Duration: Mid-May through mid-August 2024 (beginning and end dates negotiable). Possibility for extension through fall fieldwork season depending on applicant qualifications and needs of the program.

Hourly rate: \$12.48/hr *Rate may be increased for local candidates who do not require housing and/or transportation.



Description: The Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) is a nonprofit organization focused on maintaining healthy watersheds by way of invasive species management, environmental education, marine debris clean-up, river restoration, water quality monitoring, and fisheries research. KWF will be hiring several interns within the following programs:

- **Invasive species:** assist with invasive species survey and control efforts in both terrestrial and aquatic environments. Common field duties include basic plant identification; digital data collection; simple GIS mapping exercises; on- and off-trail hiking; responsible operation of small (non-motorized) watercraft; and use of hand saws, hatchets, and/or pruning shears. Occasional assistance with outreach events will also be needed.
- **Environmental science:** water quality sampling, GIS mapping exercises, stream temperature monitoring, data logger calibration/maintenance, and data collection/reporting. Highly motivated applicants with the ability to independently conduct GIS mapping exercises as well as fieldwork will be given preference.
- **Stream Watch:** marine and freshwater clean-up events, coordination with volunteers, fisheries habitat education, river restoration projects, angler outreach, and data collection/reporting.
- **Youth Education:** Spend time experiencing the childish joy of the outdoors! Assist with camp projects, monitor behavior, and lead activities (if desired). Age groups: Novice Naturalists: 6-8 y/o, and Intermediate Ecologists: 9-12 y/o.

Qualifications: Student must be enrolled in an accredited college, or a recent graduate, with good standing studying environmental sciences, social sciences, communications, or other related fields.

Work Environment: Interns will conduct fieldwork with KWF staff and partner agency personnel, remaining flexible in both schedule and required tasks, as some cross-training may be available. Comfort while working remotely in bear country is required. Fieldwork may require backcountry hiking, heavy equipment transport, and occasionally strenuous fieldwork in adverse conditions. Traveling by 4WD truck, 4-wheeler, and/or boat required; ability to tow/back a trailer helpful. A 40-hour work week can be expected including some evening and weekend work with occasional overtime.

Benefits: Housing is provided and transportation to/from Alaska will be paid for. A vehicle will also be provided during "off" hours (shared with other interns); gas for personal activities will not be included. Intern must have a valid driver's license and a clean driving record.

How to Apply: To apply, please visit the intern page of our website at www.kenaiwatershed.org/internships. Here, you will find a link to the application form. We ask that you provide a 1-page cover letter, a resume, and three references. Applications not conforming to these requirements will not be considered. Inquiries about KWF's internship program can be directed to intern@kenaiwatershed.org.

The Kenai Watershed Forum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to maintaining the health of the watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula through education, restoration, and research programs.