Interpretive Naturalist Internship
SUNY-ESF’s Adirondack Interpretive Center

Description: The Interpretive Naturalist Internship (INI) provides undergraduates students with an interest in natural history, Interpretation and informal science education 12 weeks of intensive on-the-job-training at ESF’s Adirondack Interpretive Center (AIC). The internship will focus on exposure to and experience with all aspects of operating a public informal science center including program design, development, and delivery, day-to-day management, staff and program scheduling, program budgeting, marketing and advertising, and guest relations.

Location: The Adirondack Interpretive Center is located at ESF’s Newcomb Campus (Huntington Wildlife Forest) in the heart of the Adirondack Park. The AIC sits on 260 acres on the eastern edge of Rich Lake, and is open year round providing programs to schools, colleges, professionals and the general public. 3.6 miles of maintained trails access diverse habitats including riparian, wetland, marsh, deciduous and conifer stands. Newcomb, a popular recreation and summer vacation area, is located approximately 3 hours northeast of Syracuse and 2 hours north of Albany.

Compensation: The INI covers 12 weeks of room and board at HWF and provides a weekly stipend of $100.00. The internship is made possible through funding from the Adirondack Park Institute, an independent not-for-profit supporting programming at the Adirondack Interpretive Center.

Details: Interns will be in residence for 12 weeks, starting no later than Monday, May 23rd and ending no earlier than Friday, August 12th. Additional weeks may be available contingent on performance and interest. Housing is provided in Rich Lake Area dorms with meals provided at the Rich Lake Dining Center. Interns are responsible for their own transportation to and from HWF, and on a daily basis to and from work at the AIC. The AIC is open 7 days a week with regular evening and night programs. Scheduling will include night and weekend shifts.

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter with full name and contact information including email address and phone (home and/or cell) and an essay of application (1,500 word maximum) describing:
  o Why you are interested in the INI
  o What skills and attributes you bring to the experience
  o What skills and attributes you hope to gain from the experience
  o How you will benefit from the internship
  o How the internship will help prepare you for your intended career

Applications (cover letter and essay) may be submitted by email (read receipt recommended) or conventional mail. For optimum consideration applications must be received by Friday February 26th. Applications will be reviewed with interviews scheduled as appropriate beginning March 7th. Successful candidates will be contacted the last week of March.

Questions and applications to: Charlotte Demers, 6312 State Rt 28N, Newcomb, NY 12852 cdemers@esf.edu