**Organization Overview:** Established in 1970, Beaver Lake Nature Center is part of the Onondaga County Parks system. Located in Baldwinsville, New York, the 670-acre park includes a 200-acre glacial lake, 9 miles of trails, seasonal recreation opportunities such as canoeing, kayaking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. Education programs led by staff Naturalists are offered year-round, including school field trips, guided hikes, natural history seminars, summer camps, and canoe and snowshoe tours.

**Internship Description:** Beaver Lake Nature Center is seeking an intern for summer 2023 to support the Nature Center’s educational goals around native plants, pollinators, and wildlife habitat. Beginning in early 2023, the Nature Center will be undertaking a large restoration of the gardens surrounding the visitor center. The gardens will be restored with native plants with a focus on supporting pollinators and birds. The gardens will also serve as a model for visitors on how to implement wildlife-friendly gardening at their own homes. Specific roles and responsibilities of the selected intern include, but are not limited to:

- Assist with the development and delivery of educational programs for visitors focused on the newly established native gardens.
- Provide a high-level of engagement for Nature Center visitors by greeting guests, responding to inquiries about Nature Center flora and fauna, and occasionally assisting with Visitor Center operations.
- Gather and create reference material and resources (e.g., field guide to native plants) to be used internally by staff and volunteers.
- Develop and create educational materials and media intended for the public (e.g., interpretive signage, brochures, social media posts, blog articles, etc.).
- Train and engage volunteers in educational and maintenance opportunities within the gardens.
- Assist with garden maintenance including planting, mulching, weeding, watering, etc.

**Qualifications:**
- Applicants must be 18 years old.
- Courses in environmental education/interpretation, natural resources, or landscape architecture is preferred.
- Experience teaching or leading non-formal outdoor programs is preferred.
- Working knowledge of native plants, pollinators, and birds is highly desirable.
- Experience designing program materials (e.g., signs, brochures, hand-outs) using Canva, Publisher, InDesign, or similar design program is desirable.
- Ability to work outdoors for extended periods of time in all weather conditions.

**Additional Internship Information:**
- Internship period: June 5, 2023 - August 18, 2023; start and end dates are flexible, and schedule may include select weekends to meet program demands.
- Approximate hours per week: 30 (330 hours total)
- Internship location: Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E Mud Lake Rd. Baldwinsville, NY 13027
- As a non-profit/government organization, this internship stipend is completely funded through the ESF Career Development Program; the hourly wage for this position is $15 per hour ($5,000 total stipend).
- There may be an opportunity to continue working at Beaver Lake as a part-time/seasonal employee into the fall season (note, hours and pay rate may change at that time).

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