



Environmental Education Internship

in partnership with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Are you passionate about increasing diversity, equity and inclusion in the outdoors? Do you want to introduce children and adults to the wonders of nature? Do you desire to gain skills in environmental education and explore a career in conservation?

Minnesota Valley Trust, Inc. (Trust) and Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) have partnered together to provide paid, developmental opportunities for individuals who are committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in the field of conservation.

We are hiring **three full-time, one-year Environmental Education Interns** to join our team. Join us to play an integral role at this thriving urban refuge where nature connects people, communities and wildlife!

As an Educator you will:

- **Teach** environmental education programs to K-8th graders
- **Facilitate** recreational activities for youth, including bird watching, fishing, paddling and snowshoeing
- **Develop** communication tools, including newsletter articles and social media content
- **Support** visitor center operations at two visitor centers
- **Connect** with communities through nature-based programming
- **Explore** career paths and network with local employers in the field of natural resources management, education and community outreach

Position Details

Term Dates: June 3, 2024 - Late May 2025

Location(s): Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

- Primary Report Station: Bloomington Education and Visitor Center, 3815 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425
- Rapids Lake Education and Visitor Center, 15865 Rapids Lake Road, Carver, MN 55315

Wage: \$18.49 per hour

Hours: 40 hours per week including weekend day, daily hours 8-4:30 pm and occasional evenings

Benefits: Paid time off, federal holidays, life & disability insurance, employer contribution to health and dental insurance, employer match to retirement plan. Gear and training stipend. Uniform shirts provided.

Required Qualifications:

- Valid driver's license
- Pass federal background check
- U.S. Citizen or permanent resident of the United States

Preferred Qualifications:

- Strong interest in one or more of the following: environmental education, youth development, community outreach, wildlife management, biology, history or public communications
- Excellent customer service skills, written and verbal communication
- Experience working with people, particularly with children
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team, detail-oriented and organized, ability to follow oral and written direction
- Secondary language skills
- Post-secondary education

This position includes working in both indoor and outdoor settings. Working conditions may include walking, hiking, bending or standing for long periods of time and working in adverse weather conditions.

On the Job Training: Interns will receive on the job training and develop a plan to build career skills. Opportunities to network with Trust and Refuge staff, interns and volunteers and community partners.

Special Hiring Authority: Interns may be eligible to receive a Department of the Interior Public Lands Corps non-competitive hiring authority certificate upon completion of their term of service. More information provided upon request.

Applications due by 10 pm CST on March 10

To Apply: Submit the following information in ONE document to jobs@mnvalleytrust.org:

1) 1-page personal statement addressing the following questions:

- How does your lived experience align with our goals of connecting communities, people, nature and wildlife and diversifying the conservation profession?
- How will this opportunity further your personal or career goals as they relate to the field of conservation?

2) Resume noting education, experience and skills

3) List of three professional or academic references

In the subject line, please include first and last name and position(s) for which you are applying.

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The Minnesota Valley Trust is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran or disability status. Persons who are committed to diversity, equity and inclusion are encouraged to apply, as are members of groups that are historically underrepresented in conservation careers. Learn more at mnvalleytrust.org.

