

Position Announcement



Spring/Summer Internship 2010

The DuPont Nature Center at the Mispillion Harbor Reserve is located on a 1.7-acre property at the mouth of the Mispillion River on the Delaware Bay, looking out on the absolute hotspot for horseshoe crab spawning and shorebird feeding in the world. Each year, thousands of horseshoe crabs mate and lay millions of eggs on beaches visible from the Center's observation deck. The eggs are a critical food source for migratory shorebirds, including the remarkable Red Knot, which stops at the Delaware Bay each spring on its 9,000-mile flight from Tierra del Fuego (South America's southernmost tip) to its summer nesting grounds in the Arctic. Owned and operated by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife, the DuPont Nature Center serves as a science-based education and interpretive facility for schools, families, and other organized groups interested in observing and learning about this incredible natural phenomenon. The DNC is designed to connect people with nature and instill an appreciation for the ecological significance of the region.

Position Description: The main focus of the internship will be to interact with the visitors to the Center and also assist in designing and conducting the educational programs for school groups, summer day camps, and youth organizations. Assistance with planning and organizing the Center's First Annual Horseshoe Crab/Shorebird Festival will also be needed. The DNC hopes to work with the candidate's school and department in setting up this internship for educational credits.

Hours and Stipend: Approximately 40 hours weekly for 12 weeks, starting April 26th and ending July 12th. Work location at the DuPont Nature Center near Slaughter Beach, Delaware. Evening and weekend work required. **Stipend \$2,500.**

Qualifications: A minimum of 2 years of college; wildlife, environmental sciences, or education background preferred.

Candidate Must:

- Be highly motivated
- Be organized
- Have effective communication skills, both verbal and written

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2010

TO APPLY: Send resume, college transcript, and three letters of recommendation to:

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QUESTIONS? Call 302-422-1329 or 302-653-2882

For additional information about the DuPont Nature Center, visit the web site at www.dupontnaturecenter.org

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