Teacher-Naturalist Internship (unpaid)

Positions Available in Spring, Summer and Fall 2016

Application Deadlines: March 11 for Spring & Summer season; July 29 for Fall season

Organization Description: Ladew Topiary Gardens is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is “to maintain and promote the gardens, house and facilities in keeping with the creative spirit of Harvey S. Ladew for the public benefit and for educational, scientific and cultural pursuits.” Ladew's grounds cover 250 acres, including formal gardens and an educational trail system through natural habitats including forest, meadows and wetlands.

Internship Description: Help promote an awareness, understanding and appreciation of the natural world. Teach hands-on science and environmental education topics to children in Ladew’s school fieldtrip programs, or children in summer nature camps. Program topics include From Seed to Flower, Trees are Terrific, Exploring Habitats, Signs of Spring, Signs of Fall, Caterpillars and Butterflies and more.

Responsibilities:
- Teach weekday, school environmental education fieldtrip programs and/or summer camps
- Assist and/or teach public programs on weekends
- Assist with programs and maintenance associated with butterfly house
- Assist with garden and/or trail work
- Assist with other duties as needed (i.e. special events, exhibits, data-entry, etc.)

Qualifications:
- Individuals 16 years or older pursuing studies in education, biology, environmental science, botany, zoology / invertebrate zoology, or related fields are preferred
- Enthusiasm for and experience in teaching pre-K through high school youth preferred
- Friendly, flexible, creative, self-motivated personality with good communication skills
- Ability to walk for up to two consecutive hours and lift heavy objects up to 30 lbs.

Time Requirements: spring, summer or fall availability
- 1 or 2 days per week or more; weekday and/or weekends
- 3-6 hours per day; availability between 9:00am – 3:00pm

Benefits
- Great career builder for individuals interested in careers in education, environmental education or plant sciences
- Training in natural history, gardening, environmental education and other science topics

To Apply: Mail or email cover letter, resume, and the names and contact info of three references to Teacher-Naturalist, Rachel Hebert. rhebert@ladewgardens.com.

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