



Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center

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Location

Reinstein Woods is located in western New York, approximately 20 minutes from downtown Buffalo and 10 minutes from Interstate 90 in Cheektowaga, NY.

Description

The environmental education center is located at the Dr. Victor Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, a unique 292-acre complex of forests, ponds, and wetlands surrounded by suburban development. Often referred to as "Buffalo's Backyard Wilderness," Reinstein Woods includes 19 ponds and wetlands created by a man-made system of dams, approximately 76 acres of mature Beech-Maple forest, and the largest American beech tree in New York state. Other important habitats include immature forests, conifer plantations, vernal pools, shrub swamp and wet meadow. Reinstein Woods is one of the best places to easily see wildlife in western New York. Great blue herons, beaver, deer, mink, snapping turtles, pileated woodpeckers, wood ducks, frogs and many other wildlife species are often observable.

A 4,900 square foot education center opened in April 2007. The center, a LEED-certified green building, features exhibits, a library, a classroom, nature viewing, meeting rooms, and offices. Currently, there are three miles of self-guided interpretive trails at Reinstein Woods, with pamphlets or signs to help visitors enjoy nature at their own pace.

Seasonal nature programs are offered year-round on a variety of topics, such as spring wildflowers, bird watching, snowshoeing, stroller struts, and full moon walks.

The Reinstein Woods Intern

The duties of the intern vary throughout the year. Interns are responsible for such tasks as leading tours for the public and school groups, presenting programs to schools and scouts, trail monitoring, contributing to the newsletter, participating at public outreach events, performing building/phone duty, light office work, database maintenance for library materials and other relevant research. During the summer season, interns will spend much of their time working with children at the Kids in the Woods summer day camp. All interns complete a major project, arranged with the supervisor.

Qualifications

Anyone with a minimum of two years of college-level study or equivalent experience and able to work in the United States may apply. Academic training in natural resources, natural sciences (biology, geology, etc.), environmental science, interpretation, education, recreation or a related field is advantageous.

Preference will be given to candidates with a strong natural history background, experience with teaching or youth leadership, and a demonstrated interest in environmental education. We expect interns to have a professional attitude and exemplify the standards of the NYSDEC.

****Note: Valid driver's license and proof of full vaccination plus booster against COVID 19 is required.***

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INTERN APPLICATION— REINSTEIN WOODS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Contact Information

Name: _____ Are you over 18 years of age? Y N

Address: _____ Do you have a valid drivers' license? Y N

E-mail: _____

I will be at this location until _____

Phone Number: _____ Best time to be reached _____

Internship Availability and Application Deadlines

Number the seasons you are available in order of preference and fill in the year.

Season	Year	Preference	Application Deadline
Winter-Summer (January through August)	20		September 30
Summer (Late-May through August)	20		January 31
Fall (September through mid-December)	20		May 31

Required Information

Your application must include this **completed application form** (or the information it contains in a text document), your **current resume**, your **personal statement**, and **list of references**. Please submit it in its entirety by mail, fax, or email.

Current Resume

Please include:

- Education and work history
- List pertinent college courses
- Other notable experiences
- Hobbies, interests, skills

Personal Statement

How will you benefit from this program? Include career goals, interests, environmental concerns, etc.

References

Please include the name, email address and phone number for a professor or a supervisor and a personal reference.

Signature _____ Date _____