Patuxent Wildlife Research Center

INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT PATUXENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER

PATUXENT'S MISSION

The mission of Patuxent Wildlife Research Center is to excel in wildlife and natural resource science, providing the information needed by federal, state and other agencies to better manage the nation's biological resources.

ROLE OF INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS AT PATUXENT

Interns and volunteers are important members of Patuxent's research program and contribute valuable expertise and assistance to accomplish specific tasks and goals. They assist scientists and staff with collecting scientific information, facility maintenance, captive bird propagation, data entry, and other scientific support. Duties may consist entirely of field work, laboratory work, office work or a mix of all three depending on specific project needs and the interests of the volunteers.

EXAMPLES OF OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- Studying crane migration
- Sampling wetland vegetation
- Rearing whooping crane chicks
- Providing animal veterinary care
- Monitoring amphibian populations
- Studying neo-tropical migratory birds
- Collecting and analyzing soil samples
- Testing toxicity of contaminants in the laboratory and field
- Repairing captive animal pens, ponds and other experimental facilities

BENEFITS TO INTERN AND VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

- Opportunity to assist scientists and staff in field, laboratory, and office settings
- Contribute to the success of Patuxent's scientific programs
- Excellent career training and on-the-job experience
- Include stipend and On-Center housing as available

HOW TO APPLY

- Check Patuxent's web site for additional project examples
  http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov
- Contact Volunteer Coordinator (3 1-497-5752)
  for opportunities and instructions
- Prepare a resume and cover letter

Don't miss your chance to catch a valuable hands-on experience!

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