



WMEAC Water Quality Programs Internship

Position summary:

This intern will assist the Water Quality Programs manager in implementing WMEAC's various water quality programs and projects, including: Teach for the Watershed (T4W), Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (GLSI), Adopt-A-Stream, Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds (LGROW), Clean Kent County Septics Campaign, Water Quality Advocacy, Community-based Stormwater Campaign, etc. This intern will be expected to work out of the WMEAC office during normal business hours, with occasional weekend hours as special events occur.

Organization Background:

West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC) is a non-profit, 501c3 organization working to protect and enhance West Michigan's environment by translating the concerns of people into positive action. WMEAC has been delivering environmental education and advocacy to the West Michigan community for over forty years.

Overview of position:

This internship will primarily be involved with WMEAC's Teach for the Watershed program and its Community-based Stormwater Campaign.

The Teach for the Watershed Program brings interactive aquatic science into grades 6-12 classrooms in West Michigan. The Water Quality Programs intern will be expected to assist in delivery of these programs which may include, preparation of materials, supplies, and equipment for classroom and field events, collection and analysis of data associated with the program, development of procedural checklists, and maintenance and storage of materials and equipment.

WMEAC's Community-based Stormwater Campaign is an effort to engage the community in reducing the impact of stormwater on local waterways. The Water Quality Intern will assist with preparation for workshops and participate in activities that engage and educate individuals on water conservation strategies, including but not limited to rain barrel assembly and raingarden construction and maintenance.

The Water Quality Programs intern may, on occasion, be expected to assist with programs aimed at stream restoration or water quality improvement, and may include reconnaissance work, involving both cartographic and field planning, logistical arrangements, data management, volunteer recruitment, correspondence, and organizational tasks related to the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds (a consortium of cities, townships, nonprofits, watershed councils, educational institutions, and agricultural and commercial businesses that work together to improve water quality in the Grand River watershed).

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The prospective intern will have a positive attitude, be well-organized, motivated, disciplined and able to take initiative to seek out projects and tasks. The intern must have a background in environmental science and able to master a vocabulary specific to aquatic science. Good communication skills, written and oral, are imperative.

Qualifications:

- Environmental Science background with Aquatic Science preferred
- Proficiency in Microsoft office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher)
- Excellent communication skills with mastery of environmental science vocabulary
- Ability to pass a criminal background investigation (necessary for working in Grand Rapids Public Schools)
- Ability to drive a truck and trailer a plus
- Good organizational skills, self-starter
- Regional knowledge of local watersheds a plus
- Commitment to protect the environment

Hours:

Position available beginning immediately through May, 2010. 8-16 per week, varies during term of internship. Schedule to be arranged by intern and staff.

Compensation:

A \$500 stipend will be awarded upon successful completion of this internship.

Interested persons may send resume and cover letter to kklomp@wmeac.org.

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