



Vermont Institute of Natural Science Education Intern



TITLE: Education Intern – VINS Nature Center, Quechee, Vermont

SUMMARY: VINS Education Interns deliver live raptor and Vermont natural history programs at the VINS Nature Center in Quechee, VT.

REPORTS TO: Director, On Site Interpretation

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VINS' education programs are designed for all audiences. In addition to our public programs at the Nature Center, we serve communities throughout northern New England. Job location is in Quechee, Vermont at the VINS Nature Center with some travel to other program sites as required.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Present educational programs, many of which involve live animals (mainly raptors), to audiences of all ages (e.g., on-site daily programs, school tours, camps, resort programs, fairs, public relations events)
- Help with care, cleaning, and handling of raptors and reptiles used in programs
- Lead interpretive nature walks for the public
- Work with education staff to schedule and develop new programs as appropriate
- Work a varied schedule that often includes evenings, weekends, and long days

Organizational Responsibilities:

- Attend VINS staff meetings and participate in organization functions as required
- Work with other departments at VINS to both bring added content to public programs and facilitate opportunities for cross-promotion of programs

Qualifications:

- Experience in public speaking and environmental education preferred
- Degree in education or environmental sciences, working towards a degree or have equivalent education experience
- General knowledge of raptors and New England natural history (or willingness and initiative to learn).
- Comfortable using AV equipment (including PA systems)

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Qualifications (cont.):

- Strong organizational skills and work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Able to lift up to 50 pounds and lead moderate to strenuous trail hikes
- Previous animal-handling experience, especially raptors, preferred
- Current first aid and CPR certification (VINS may be able to assist in scheduling a training)

Compensation and Work Schedule:

Stipend is \$420 every 2-week pay period. Housing may be available. Regular work week is 40 hours with some exceptions based on particular program offerings. Term of employment is April 28, 2019 through November 2, 2019 (some flexibility for appropriate candidates). Work day schedule will vary.

All VINS staff working directly with children are subject to a thorough background check, including fingerprinting and a criminal record check.

TO APPLY:

Send resume, cover letter and three references to:

ccollier@vinsweb.org

or

VINS, Attn: Chris Collier
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