

Internship Descriptions

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Durango Nature Studies offers several internships for college students needing hours as part of their program of study, or wanting to supplement their educational experience. Students choosing DNS must have their internship approved by their supervising professor if hours are to be applied as internship credits. They must also submit an application to DNS, identifying the type of internship and number of hours to be completed. Once the application has been submitted, DNS staff will interview prospective interns.

Summer and 400 hour nternships are competitive. Students must be accepted for the program. Internships under this amount will be placed into our ongoing internship programs depending on the season and the interest if the intern.

For 400 hour interships, interns will participate in all the programs below, plus assist in non-profit office tasks, events, and a special project designed for the intern.

Below are the internships available for college students.

Surviving and Thriving in Winter (STW)

Dates Available: End of January and all of February

Internship Hours: 27 minimum to 90 maximum

STW is our winter school program for 4th and 6th graders. We teach children about snow science, watersheds, and how different animals have adapted to survive in winter through games and experiments on snowshoes at Haviland Lake Recreation Area. Training is for two hours on a Thursday evening, followed by 8 hours in the field the following Friday. Interns must complete this training to participate in this internship. Programs run every week day in February from 8:30-12:00. Interns may choose the days they participate.

For exact dates and program description, visit <http://durangonaturestudies.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer-naturalist/winter-training/>

Children Discovering Nature (CDN) and Exploring Science in Nature (ESN)

Dates Available: March, April, May (Spring Season) **and**, September, October (Fall Season)

Internship Hours: 50 minimum to 120 maximum per season

CDN is our Spring and Fall school program for grades K-5 and ESN is for grades 6-8 We teaches a different topic for each grade. These topics correlate with the Colorado Science standards. Training for CDN takes place for three hours on a Wednesday evening, followed by 2 full days at the site on Friday and Saturday. Interns must complete this training to participate in each seasonal program. The Program runs every Monday-Friday from 8:30-12:15 for 5 weeks during each season. Interns may pick the dates they wish to work. All Programs are held at the Durango Nature Center. For exact dates and program description, visit <http://durangonaturestudies.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer-naturalist/spring-training/> or <http://durangonaturestudies.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer-naturalist/fall-training/>

Nature Club

Dates Available: September through May

Internship Hours: Blocks of 25 - 75 hours every 4 weeks

Nature Club is our after school Nature Program held at Park, Riverview, Animas Valley, Florida Mesa, Sunnyside and Needham elementary schools from 3:00-4:30 on Tuesday - Thursday every week. This program for K-2nd graders takes kids outside to explore nature surrounding their school. Each 4-week session incorporates games and activities around a specific topic. Interns would assist a lead instructor with a specific nature club. Interns must commit to an entire session, however you may intern for multiple sessions. For exact dates and program description visit <http://durangonaturestudies.org/programs/nature-clubs/>

Junior Naturalist Field Camp (JNFC)

Field Instructor: 5 positions available

Dates Available: Approximately every other week for 5 weeks in June, July, and August plus prep time

Internship Hours: 220

Stipend: \$100 a week

JNFC is our week-long Summer day camp for 1st through 5th graders. It is a very popular camp and fills up each year. It is held for 5 weeks in the summer from 8:30 until 3:30 each day. Interns that are chosen for this position must be committed and reliable. They will be co-teaching with another instructor for each week. Instructors will plan curriculum and work with the same group of kids for the entire week. Applicants must be CPR and First Aid certified.

For exact dates and program description visit www.durangonaturestudies.org/summercamp.htm

Summer Add-On Hours

Dates Available: June, July, and August

Internship Hours: 40 – 70 (Depending on Program Availability)

One of the interns chosen as a field instructor for JNFS can receive extra hours in the summer. These hours will consist of assisting with field trip days and day programs that run one to two days a week in between camp sessions. Interns will assist a DNS instructor around a specific topic at the Nature Center. For exact dates and program description visit www.durangonaturestudies.org/summerprograms.htm