

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Division of Communication, Education, and Engagement

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

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Location

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is in eastern New York State, seven miles southwest of Albany, on the outskirts of Delmar, in a rural/suburban area of Albany County. Five Rivers has a small professional staff and broad-based community support. Over one hundred volunteers add greatly to the center's effectiveness.

Description

Five Rivers' 500 acres have a wonderful diversity of habitats. A hemlock-shaded forest stream, wide expanses of open meadow, and many ponds serve as magnets for wildlife. Frequent beaver and deer activity is observed, and more than 225 species of birds have been sighted at the center. A visitor center opened in 2017 houses permanent and changing interpretive exhibits, as well as classroom space. It includes numerous green building features and is LEED certified platinum.

Being near a major population area, more than 100,000 visitors come to the center annually. Five Rivers provides guided outdoor lessons to thousands of students throughout the school year. Five Rivers staff also work extensively with educators, providing in-class programs, workshops, and a vast array of teacher loan kits and other materials for use in the classroom and with youth groups. Five Rivers also offers a wide range of public programs on weekends and evenings, including night walks and early morning bird walks.

The Five Rivers Intern

The duties of an intern vary somewhat with the season. However, in each season, interns are responsible for observing and assisting classes, participating in training sessions, and working with students in the outdoors.

In spring and fall, interns are most heavily involved with the school program, teaching a wide range of environmental education classes to students. In summer, interns gain experience teaching during the family nature program, senior citizen programs, summer camps, and a series of public nature walks. Interns may also participate in a variety of stewardship and community science projects.

The position is full time (37.5 hours per week) for a duration of at least 16 weeks, and the pay is \$15.50/hour. Free housing is provided on site.

Qualifications

Anyone with a minimum of two years of college-level study or equivalent experience may apply. Academic training in natural resources, natural sciences (geology, biology), 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. Interns are expected to have a professional attitude and exemplify the standards of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. A valid driver's license is required.



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Environmental Education Intern Application Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

Contact Information

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

Address: _____ Do you have a valid driver's 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/Spring (late February through late June)	20		Accepted until January 3
Summer/Fall (July through late October)	20		Accepted until March 14

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. **Interviews are held on an ongoing basis, so apply as early as possible.**

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 participating in 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 _____

** If you have any issues filling out this form, please call Five Rivers at 518-475-0291 and ask for assistance from Liz Wagner.



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