Internship Announcement
Interpretive Naturalist

General Description: Dunes Learning Center (DLC) is a residential education facility within the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (INDU) that works in close partnership with the National Park Service (NPS). Interpretive Naturalists are key members of the program staff at DLC. They will develop their naturalist, outdoor education, and resource interpretation skills and techniques. They instruct children and adults regarding the diversity of ecosystems, plants and animals, and cultural history of the INDU and southern Lake Michigan region.

Interpretive Naturalists often work in pairs during the summer to give each the opportunity to shadow peers, provide and receive feedback, and learn a variety of teaching styles and techniques. During the school year, Interpretive Naturalists may shadow NPS staff and have opportunities to attend professional development workshops.

Term of Internship: June 2018 - May 2019 (includes training). Must be available to work weekend and evening hours. There is a possibility of a week of unpaid furlough the weeks of July 2, 2018, August 6, 2018 and 2 weeks in late December, 2018 - January, 2019.

Responsibilities:
• Attend program staff training workshops and regularly scheduled staff meetings
• Conduct research and make preparations needed for all assigned educational programs
• Present educational/interpretive programs in natural and cultural history, inquiry-based science, and resource stewardship for children; ages 6-17, daily as well as evening and weekend programs as scheduled
• Ensure safety and well-being of program participants and coworkers by following safety standards and reporting incidents, near misses or possible hazards
• Maintain a Positive Mental Attitude (PMA)
• Assist in the maintenance of all program supplies, equipment, and facilities
• Comply with all Dunes Learning Center policies and represent DLC in a professional manner at all times.
• Perform all assigned duties critical to the operation of the Dunes Learning Center
• Assist with other duties as assigned

Required Qualifications:
• Must have a BA/BS by June 2018
• Excellent verbal and written communication skills
• Physically able to work outdoors in all weather conditions and hike several miles over hilly dunes terrain while carrying a 25-lb backpack
• Great independent worker and team player
• Official government identification

Desired Qualifications:
• Lifesaving and water safety certification
• Possess valid driver’s license and have reliable transportation for local travel between housing and DLC

All Dunes Learning Center employees must submit to a background check and possible drug screening.

Benefits: $290 weekly stipend (average 40 hours per week), shared housing (private bedroom), uniforms, First Aid/CPR training, meals and weekly s’mores when groups are in residence, and professional development opportunities.

To apply send a cover letter, resume and 3 references to Erin Crofton, Education Director at ecrofton@duneslearningcenter.org