

Summer Folk Art Education Intern

Alapocas Run and Wilmington State Parks

DELAWARE STATE PARK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



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DESCRIPTION

The Blue Ball Barn at Alapocas Run State Park is home to the Delaware Folk Art Collection. The collection features pieces from 54 Delaware artists. In addition to the substantial collection, the Division of Parks and Recreation has many other pieces stored in an offsite location. The Folk Art Education Intern will be responsible for assisting the Folk Art Collection team with monthly programming creation and implementation for all age groups. The Intern will work with park staff, including industry professionals, and assist the Folk Art Collections Specialist on occasion with various tasks. The Intern must be able to drive and maintain a valid driver's license, a park vehicle will be made available to them to travel between the park and the storage facility or other park locations.

LOCATION

- Blue Ball Barn at Alapocas Run State Park, Wilmington

TERM

- 12 weeks
- Full-time, 30-35 hours per week

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Research artist information for collections pieces
- Work with programming staff to develop creative programming or event ideas to market the Folk Art Collection and increase visitation
- Complete a Demonstration of Learning Project that benefits the collection and encompasses learning targets for internship
- Other duties as necessary or assigned by supervisors
- Participate in Delaware State Parks Collections meetings
- Develop creative programming or event ideas to market the Folk Art Collection and increase visitation and/or revenue

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to work independently with little direct supervision
- Have a valid driver's license
- Prior training or at least general knowledge of ideal collections care
- Ability to lead others – may have opportunities to work with volunteers

DIRECT SUPERVISOR

The direct supervisor will be the Folk Art Collections Specialist at Alapocas Run State Park.

BENEFITS

- **Training:** A hallmark of the program, interns receive training from the field experts they will be working with. In addition to this formal and informal training to successfully conduct their internship assignment, interns will have the opportunity to build associated skills and share real-time experience with park staff and colleagues. Training will be made available to the interns to further their personal and professional development.
- **Housing:** Limited co-ed housing is available, at no fee, for interns providing full-time hours (30 or more per week). If selected for housing, an intern will share a house, duplex or dorm facility with other interns.
- **Activities:** Interns will have the opportunity not only to visit ALL Delaware State Parks at no fee, but also participate in many of the tours, programs, and associated events for free. Delaware State Parks span the length of the state and whether it be canoeing at Trap Pond State Park, surfing at Delaware Seashore State Park, attending a concert at Bellevue State Park, or touring the living history facility at Fort Delaware, there is certainly something for everyone.
- **Stipend Available:** Interns are not employees of the State of Delaware- they are considered volunteers and are not paid for their service. Interns may elect to receive a stipend to help cover expenses incurred during their volunteer intern service. The stipend is a fixed amount of \$100 per week for service of 30 or more hours per week or \$50.00 per week for service of between 20 – 29 hours/ week paid biweekly as a direct deposit into the Intern's bank account.
 - The stipend is not a wage but does count toward the total income on which the intern's tax obligation is based. Interns electing to receive the stipend will complete IRS Form W-9 Request for Tax-Payer Identification as self-employed and will receive a Form 1099 at the end of the year that reports the amount of income from the stipend. No taxes are withheld from the stipend.
- **AmeriCorps Educational Award (optional):** Interns engaged in Education, Management, Administration, or Environmental Stewardship are eligible to receive an AmeriCorps Education Award upon completion of their service if they choose. The award amount varies and is based on the total number of hours served. The award can be used for educational expenses including tuition, student loans, books, and other fees for up to 7 years after completion of service.

All Delaware State Parks Interns are required to undergo and successfully complete a background check performed by the Division.

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