

# **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INTERNSHIP – W.K. Kellogg Manor House**

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station

The objective of this 12-week professional Internship is to improve the visitor experience at the W.K. Kellogg Manor House and Estate by updating and disseminating materials to help visitors engage in exploring the Estate grounds. This Internship will use techniques of natural resource interpretation and environmental education to create a guided tour of the Estate. Guided tours and created experiences will be for adult and professional (K-12 teachers) audiences. This Internship is unique because of its location at Michigan State University's W.K. Kellogg Biological Station in Hickory Corners, MI, where Interns have the chance to spend a summer advancing in their field and learning about cutting-edge natural science.

The Manor House Environmental Education Intern will work alongside the Science Education and Outreach Coordinator and the KBS Volunteer Coordinator and Outreach Educator to learn about existing resources and create a plan for sharing them. The Intern will also work with Conference Center and Manor House staff and volunteers to gather information and understand KBS visitor's needs. The Intern will be evaluated on their progress multiple times throughout the Internship.

The Manor House Environmental Education intern will work on average approximately 20-24 hours each week at KBS, while taking at least one MSU summer course at KBS.

\*\*\*If you commit to only 1 KBS course over the 11-week internship, and you have no other outside commitments, your internship work load may increase to 30+ hours per week during the session you are not taking a course. There will be occasional weekend and evening hours for events.

The Manor House Environmental Education Internship compensation package includes a \$2500 stipend and FREE room and board at KBS (Total compensation = \$4260). See the Program Details section of the KBS Intern webpage for additional details.

## **By the end of the Manor House Environmental Education Internship, the Intern will have:**

- Knowledge of KBS and the educational opportunities available (tours and field trips)
- Created and written content for wordpress websites,
- Helped create materials to highlight the Kellogg Estate and KBS research
- Helped to create a dissemination plan for trail maps and brochures
- Gained skills and knowledge needed to deliver quality interpretive programming for all audiences.
- Created a personal work plan for conducting research about the needs of KBS visitors.
- Collaborated with other education intern's about the different platforms of delivering educational materials.

## **The ideal candidate for this Internship should have:**

- A major in Environmental Education, Sustainable Parks, Rec and Tourism or Natural Resource Education, Biology or related field.
- Sophomore or higher status
- An interest in sharing science with a variety of audiences
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Enthusiasm for learning about the world around them and gaining new skills
- The ability to productively participate in and learn from critiques
- Effective time and project management skills

Candidates should be prepared to submit at least one writing or lesson plan sample if offered an interview. Please email Kara Haas (karaHaas@msu.edu) with questions about this Internship, or email Danielle Zoellner (KBSSummer@kbs.msu.edu) with questions about the KBS Internship program.