

NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2010

PARKS & RECREATION-043

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AGENCY DESCRIPTION

Parks & Recreation is the steward of more than 29,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Yankee Stadium and Central Park to community gardens and Greenstreets. We operate more than 800 athletic fields and nearly 1,000 playgrounds; we manage five major stadia, 600 tennis courts, 66 public pools, 51 recreational facilities, 17 nature centers, 14 golf courses, and 14 miles of beaches; we care for 800 monuments and 23 historic house museums; we look after 600,000 street trees, and two million more in parks. We are New York City's principal provider of athletic facilities. We are home to free concerts, world-class sports events, and cultural festivals.

The work of the agency goes far beyond the maintenance of 14% of New York City's land. Parks is the City's leading programmer of cultural, athletic and social activities, including nature walks, concerts, learn-to-swim classes, sports clinics, historic house tours, and much more. Each year Parks hosts annual events such as the WinterJam, Adventures NYC, the Pumpkin Festival and several others. In addition, Parks produces many special events, including concerts and movie premieres. In the summer, Parks' busiest season, the agency organizes free carnivals and concerts, and sends mobile recreation vans to travel throughout the five boroughs providing free rental equipment for skating, baseball, and miniature golf.

The Parks Commissioner is appointed by the Mayor to oversee and direct the work of the agency. The Commissioner appoints Deputy Commissioners, Borough Commissioners, and Assistant Commissioners who are responsible for managing the agency's divisions. These senior officials supervise the work of thousands of Parks employees. They work with elected officials to complete capital improvements for parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers. They work with the private sector to sponsor free public events. They get the community involved in Parks through volunteer initiatives and educational and athletic programming in recreation and nature centers. They prepare Parks' budget and monitor the work of Parks' ice-skating rinks, golf courses and other concessions.

UNIT DESCRIPTION

The Bronx Borough Commissioner is responsible for all aspects of management and operations of the Bronx. The correspondence unit manages and prepares responses to inquiries received by the Borough Commissioner.

POSITION TITLE

Bronx Borough Commissioner Correspondence Intern

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

The intern will investigate matters pertaining to inquiries made by the public and elected officials. Draft correspondence on behalf of Borough Commissioner. File and log correspondence as well as answer incoming phone calls. In addition, the Intern would gain experience in the day to day functions of Parks and Recreation as well as office skills and teamwork. An intern would also gain experience in government relations and public service.

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

Excellent oral and written communication
Excellent organizational skills
Proficiency in all Microsoft Office applications.
Ability to work to deadlines

APPLICATION PROCESS

nyc.gov/internships

Please email cover letter and resume to Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov

SALARY RANGE

Unpaid

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / COMMENTS

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