

2012 NYC SPRING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PARKS & RECREATION-018

City Parks Foundation/User Multimedia Education
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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

City Parks Foundation's (CPF) education department connects teachers, students and families to local parks by providing hands-on programs that meet specific community needs and public educational standards. We present classroom, after school and teacher-training programs in parks, schools and Recreation Centers across New York City. CPF uses parks as outdoor classrooms where students can learn core subjects and important life, critical-thinking and decision-making skills while discovering the natural world that exists right in their neighborhoods. Annually, our programs reach 7,500 students and community members and 600 teachers.

POSITION TITLE

CPF User Multimedia Education Intern

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

CPF Education targets Title 1 schools in low-income and remote communities throughout the five boroughs and encourages schools to select special needs and bilingual/dual language programs to participate in our programs. Teacher training, technical assistance, and material resources are seamlessly interwoven into the program to ensure that educators will reproduce lessons throughout their career. CPF Education's inquiry-based model focuses on creating local, meaningful and relevant lessons that connect larger global issues to our communities.

CityParks Productions offers video production training, media literacy, new media, academic support encompassing basic field and non-linear editing. Through multifaceted activities, these programs help kids discover their unique talents and aptitudes, while mastering valuable technology skills and exploring careers and workplaces. Participants gain experience in using a broad range of standard and specialized industry software for video and sound editing. These programs provide a safe space where teens can share with one another, develop leadership skills, forge a group identity, and serve their community.

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

Interns must be college or graduate students

Interns must have an interest in non-traditional educational settings using interactive methods

Excellent inter-personal and communication skills a must

Ability to work with diverse students and low income communities as well as independently

Versatility, resourcefulness and creativity required

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

SALARY RANGE

Unpaid

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / COMMENTS

1-3 days per week