

2017 NYC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PARKS & RECREATION-008

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AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation manages 14 percent of the land in New York City. These assets range from playgrounds and large parks, to tranquil wooded areas and more than 14 miles of beaches. Parks serve as New Yorkers' backyards, as vital meeting areas for outdoor play and recreation – but also as critical engines for economic growth and development.

NYC Parks' mission is to plan resilient and sustainable parks, public spaces, and recreational amenities, build a park system for present and future generations, and care for parks and public spaces to benefit New Yorkers across the five boroughs.

Through an effort to improve the quality, accessibility, efficiency and sustainability of our city parks by increasing investment in underserved neighborhoods and expanding parkland: NYC Parks' **Community Parks Initiative**, at the center of the Mayor's plan, is completely redesigning and reconstructing dozens of parks in neighborhoods across the city with the greatest needs—35 of which are nearing the construction phase.

NYC Parks is also leading in innovative park design with **Parks Without Borders**, a new design approach that focuses on improving park entrances, edges, and spaces adjacent to parks. By extending parks into communities, Parks Without Borders will improve New Yorkers' access to quality parks.

Ongoing work to care for our parks has:

- Reconnected the City's two most northern boroughs, Manhattan and The Bronx, when NYC Parks' historic High Bridge was reopened.
- Re-energized Flushing Meadow Corona Park in Queens, one of New York's largest parks, drawing visitors from around the globe.
- Reinforced our commitment to growing greenspaces by meeting our goal to plant 1,000,000 trees.

The work of the agency goes far beyond the maintenance of New York City's nearly 30,000 acres. 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 WinterJam, Adventures NYC, and the Fall Field Day. In addition, Parks produces many special events, concerts and movie premieres, as well as 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 River Alliance is seeking an On Water Recreation Program Intern to aid in leading recreational programs along the river as part of the public education initiatives. The Alliance is looking for a motivated self-starter who will be comfortable assisting in program tasks, executing logistics, and co-hosting all trips, including providing safety and educational presentations. This position reports to the Education Coordinator.

POSITION TITLE

On Water Recreation Program Intern

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in hosting canoeing trips along the Bronx River
- Assist in maintaining a fleet of canoes, kayaks, and other related equipment
- Help to recruit and manage volunteer guides
- Perform administrative duties related to the program
- Aid in educational programming along the Bronx River

Intern will learn how to properly conduct non-formal educational programming to public entities around topics of environmental studies.

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Availability to work weekend days
- Able to work as a part of a team
- Some on water/ canoeing experience
- Positive attitude and professionalism
- Lover of the outdoors!
- Ability to lift weight over 50 lbs.
- Background in education, environmental science, and/or recreation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This position is incredibly labor intensive – canoes can weigh upwards of 110 lbs.; applicants must be willing to work outdoors with all elements including rainy weather as well as heated weather.

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

SALARY

Unpaid