

Audubon Sharon

Audubon Center in Sharon: The Sharon Audubon Center's 1143-acre wildlife sanctuary contains 11 miles of trails through varied habitats including ponds, streams, forests and fields. In addition to attending scheduled programs, students are welcome to explore our exhibit center, which features seasonal displays and live animals, and our bookstore and gift shop.

Miles Wildlife Sanctuary: The Emily Winthrop Miles Wildlife Sanctuary encompasses 1500 acres of hardwood forests, a lake, wetlands, beaver ponds and old fields. The sanctuary provides a beautiful setting for adult education courses and student research internships.



Our Education Initiative

In this day and age, environmental awareness, vigilance, and planning has never been more important and developing a conservation ethic at an early age has become essential. The education of our children is one of the most effective ways we can prepare for the future and Audubon has made this a priority mission.

Audubon Sharon is dedicated to offering life-changing hands-on education experiences to students. We strive to teach awareness and respect for nature and prepare individuals for future land stewardship.

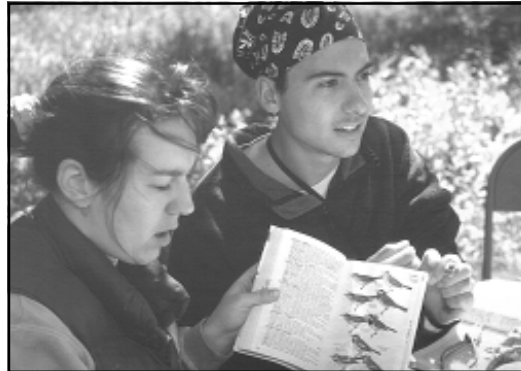
Application

To apply for one of the internships described in this brochure, please send the following:

- Resume
- Cover letter
- Name, address & phone of 3 references

School Credit

Students should arrange for school credit with their advisor beforehand.



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Internship Program



Providing Job Experience
Necessary for Careers in

*Education/Teaching
Environmental Science
Ecological Research*

Environmental Education Internship

Positions: Spring Session, February to May
Fall Session, September to December

Duties: Interns are involved with all aspects of the operation of a nature center. The primary responsibility is environmental education. Interns develop curriculum materials and teach a wide variety of topics (discovery walks, pond explorations, birds of prey, reptiles, insect investigations and more) to on-site and outreach audiences of all ages.

Interns also help care for resident reptiles and raptors, and assist in wildlife rehabilitation. The resident animals act as ambassadors for their species and they are an integral part of our education programs. Additional duties include creating and maintaining exhibits, answering requests for information, and helping with many other facets of a nature center's day to day operation.

Qualifications: Completion of at least two years of college coursework in the environmental or life sciences. Some teaching experience and/or curriculum development is necessary. The most important assets are a strong natural history background, enthusiasm, commitment, a desire to learn, flexibility, and the ability to work well with others.

Salary: \$245 per week

Housing: Intern quarters at the Audubon Center in Sharon include two private bedrooms, and a shared kitchen, bath, and living room.



Summer Naturalist

Position: June to August (1-2 positions yearly)

Duties: The primary responsibility of the summer naturalist is to oversee the *Summer Explorers* (ages 4-9) and *Eye on Nature* programs (ages 10-14). Children visit the Center for 3-4 hours each day during their weeklong session. Activities range from discovery hikes, pond explorations, nature crafts and games in *Explorers* programs, to canoeing, caving, outdoor adventure activities and field trips in *Eye On Nature*. The summer naturalist designs the curriculum for these programs and conducts the programs with the help of volunteer assistants.

Summer naturalists may also be involved with other aspects of the nature center, such as summer festival planning, wildlife rehabilitation, general education programs, answering requests for information, and helping with many other facets of a nature center's day to day operation.

Qualifications: Completion of at least two years of college coursework in the environmental or life sciences. Some teaching experience and/or curriculum development is necessary. The most important assets are a strong natural history background, enthusiasm, commitment, a desire to learn, flexibility, and the ability to work well with others.

Salary: The salary is \$245 per week for the summer depending on number of positions and experience.

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M.A.P.S. Bird Banding Internship

Position: Mid-May to mid-August (2 positions)

Duties: Interns operate seven mist-netting and banding stations in Connecticut and New York as part of a long term research project Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS).



Qualifications: Good birding skills and knowledge of eastern birds; previous mist-netting and banding experience helpful but not necessary. A two week intensive training program is provided.

Salary: \$245 per week

Housing: Interns have a 3-bedroom ranch-style living quarters complete with private bedrooms, and a shared kitchen, bath, and living room.

Research Apprenticeship

Positions: May to August

Duties: Research apprentices will assist in ongoing projects which may vary from biological monitoring and data entry to habitat management and researching/writing management plans for tracts of land. Examples of projects include breeding bird census (BBC), prairie habitat restoration, vegetation surveys and wildlife inventories.

Qualifications: Completion of at least two years of college coursework in the environmental or life sciences. The most important assets are a strong natural history background, research skills, enthusiasm, commitment, flexibility, and the ability to work well with others.

Salary: \$245 per week

Housing: Interns have a 3-bedroom ranch-style living quarters complete with private bedrooms, and a shared kitchen, bath, and living room.