WILDLIFE INTERNS NEEDED

Two biology interns needed to assist in wildlife management activities at Eastern Neck and Martin National Wildlife Refuges on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

WHAT?
Primary duties will include independently conducting playback surveys for rails. Secondary duties will include independently conducting colonial nesting bird colony surveys, black duck banding, osprey and peregrine falcon nest checks, peregrine falcon banding, assisting with brown pelican banding, data entry, and other duties as assigned.

WHY?
This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable work experience on a national wildlife refuge and develop contacts with professionals in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Coordinated Marshbird playback surveys are conducted at many National Wildlife Refuges across the country to monitor population trends and to help guide management activities. Other assignments will aid in successfully achieving management goals at the refuge level.

WHERE?
Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge is located in Kent County, MD. Martin National Wildlife Refuge is located in Somerset County, MD.

WHO?
Ideal candidates will have completed, or be enrolled in, a BS/BA program in Zoology/Biology/Wildlife Ecology/Natural Resource Management. Candidates should have birding experience including the ability to identify birds by sound, vegetation sampling experience, interest in botanical work, some experience using a GPS, the ability to work independently in (potentially) wet terrain with large numbers of aggressive mosquitoes, and the ability to independently operate motor boats (training provided). Boating experience is a plus.

WHEN?
From mid-May through August 2005; dates somewhat flexible. Work is 40 hours per week

HOW MUCH?
Housing and $125/week stipend provided; shopping, food, and services are available about 20 miles away in Chestertown, MD (from Eastern Neck). Martin National Wildlife Refuge is located on Smith Island. Access to Martin is via ferry. Projects at Martin will require staying in temporary housing on Smith Island for potentially 5+ days. Few services exist on Smith Island. A vehicle will be provided for work related travel. Hip boots and optics will be provided.

HOW DO I APPLY?
Send a cover letter and resume with 3 references (name, relationship, and phone number) to:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge
1730 Eastern Neck Road
Rock Hall, MD 21661
Attention: Rachel Cliché
Or E-mail: Rachel_cliche@fws.gov
Phone: (410) 639-2108 x 222
Applications accepted if postmarked by April 8, 2005 or until filled with qualified applicants.