



Position Title: Engagement Intern

About the Catawba Riverkeeper: Founded in 1997, the Catawba Riverkeeper became the 21st waterkeeper organization in the United States. Now a part of an international movement of waterkeepers that boasts over 400 local affiliates, we preserve and protect the waters of the Catawba-Wateree River Basin for generations to come. The Catawba Riverkeeper keeps watch over 5,000 square miles of land that drains into the Catawba-Wateree waterways. We accomplish our mission in three ways:

We EDUCATE students and the public on how they can make a positive impact on the water quality in our region.

We ENGAGE by providing opportunities for people to interact with the river to gain an understanding of the importance of this shared natural resource or deepen their commitment to our one river.

We PROTECT our river basin via scientific fieldwork, promoting access to public resources, volunteer led action and community advocacy.

Catawba Riverkeeper is a community focused organization supported by more than 5,700 members and volunteers located throughout a 26-county river basin that dedicate time, talent and treasure to ensuring the protection of the Catawba-Wateree River. Our full-time staff of 8 and volunteer board of 16 guide the work of this passionate group of people.

Accountability: The Engagement Intern will report to the Engagement Manager, Greg Nance.

Responsibility: The internship would involve joining the Catawba Riverkeeper in its cleanup operations, paddling programs, and Litter Gitter program.

Main Duties:

- Coordinating corporate and volunteer cleanup operations
- Planning and Leading large, diverse groups in on-the-water experiences as well as hiking adventures
- Maintenance of gear and oversight of daily operation duties
- Assisting in guest services
- Join stream restoration projects and tactical river cleanups
- Maintain the Litter Gitters in Charlotte-area streams and creeks
- Expected to become familiar with the history, routes, and emergency action plan of each location you assist with or lead



- Ensure the safety and quality of every one of our guest's experiences

Qualifications:

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Customer service experience and emphasis on a service mindset
- Strong public speaking skills
- You must be willing to work weekends and in all outdoor weather conditions
- Reliable transportation and maintain a valid driver's license
- Able to lift 50+ pounds in summer heat
- Ability to pass a background check

Preferred:

- Experience leading large groups
- Preference to applicants with working knowledge of the history of the Catawba River area

Schedule:

The Engagement Intern will be expected to work 20-25 hours a week. Anticipated start date will be June 1 and will continue until August 11th, 2021. This will be an in-person internship as on-the-water work is required.

Compensation:

The Engagement Intern will be given a \$1,500 stipend to be distributed in once/month payments.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Greg@catawbariverkeeper.org with "Summer 2021 Engagement Internship" in the subject line.

Interviews for these positions will be conducted on a rolling basis.