



**Position Title:** Southern Basin Intern

**About the Catawba Riverkeeper:** Founded in 1997, the Catawba Riverkeeper became the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

The Southern Basin of the Catawba Riverkeeper consisted of 13 counties in South Carolina within the Catawba-Wateree River Basin. With thanks to the Edwards Family and the Arras Foundation, this new satellite office is located at 6155 Lancaster Highway, Fort Lawn, South Carolina 29714. A Southern Basin Intern will report to this location, and not the McAdenville, NC main Riverkeeper Headquarters.

**Accountability:** The Southern Basin Intern will report to the Southern Basin Director, Haley Tedder

**Responsibility** The Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation seeks 1 motivated intern for summer 2021 to serve a dozen South Carolina counties in the Catawba River Basin. This internship will offer the unique opportunity to work on outreach programs and assist with the development of a volunteer base, in addition to aiding in fundraising planning at the Catawba Riverkeeper's satellite office in South Carolina.

**Main Duties:**

- Coordinating volunteer programs for cleanups on the riverkeeper property and around the Southern Basin
- Assisting in leading groups on hiking, kayaking, and interpretive walks with Southern Basin Staff
- Working closely with the Southern Basin Director to plan and organize events around the Southern Basin
- Other administrative duties such as planning events, programs, and volunteer coordination
- Aiding Swim Guide Interns with weekly Swim Guide program, as needed

**Qualifications:**

- Must be currently enrolled in an accredited academic institution
- Must be a South Carolina Resident
- Confident on the water in a kayak, preferable experience leading kayak tours
- Willingness to occasionally get wet and dirty in the field
- Sharp attention to detail
- Experience teaching or leading large groups
- Clear, concise communication skills
- Ability to lift 35 pounds

**Schedule:**

The Southern Basin Intern will be expected to work 20-25 hours a week. Anticipated start date will be June 1 and will continue until August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This will be an in-person internship, as both lab work and field work are required. There will be virtual duties, depending on the current pandemic numbers at time of internship.

**Compensation:**

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

**How to Apply:**

Send a cover letter and resume to [Haley@catawbariverkeeper.org](mailto:Haley@catawbariverkeeper.org) with "Summer 2021 Southern Basin Internship" in the subject line.

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