



Position Title: Environmental Education 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 Environmental Education Intern will report to the Education Coordinator, Morgan Long.

Responsibility: With the Catawba Riverkeeper's first summer full of education programs, the intern will have opportunities to help with the development and implementation of new curriculum. Under the guidance of the coordinator, they will get to be an educator for Saturday morning education events, a camp counselor for two weeks of summer camp in addition to helping plan and execute additional programs.

Main Duties:

- Counselor for 'Conservation Camp' in June and 'Wild Carolina Camp' in August. Responsible for educating campers and helping them to engage with nature and the environment.
- Saturday Environmental Educator for our morning programs with students



- Assist Education Coordinator with program planning, execution, and evaluating
- Opportunity to develop, implement, and care for a Native Fish Tank

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of environment and ecology of North Carolina Piedmont area
- Experience with children ages K-8 including behavior management skills
- Experience public speaking and/or teaching
- Preferred, but not required, coursework or experience in environmental science/conservation, biology, education or similar field
- Preferred experience kayaking
- Ability to perform duties in a flexible environment that changes day-to-day
- Ability to work outdoors in the summer
- Ability to lift 35 pounds
- CPR/AED certification required or able to attain
- Ability to pass a background check

Schedule:

The Environmental Education Intern will be expected to work 20-25 hours a week, with *the exception of June 21-25 and August 9-13, when intern role will assume that of a camp counselor, which requires 40 hours each week*. Anticipated start date will be June 1 and will continue until August 14. This will be an in-person internship, as teaching is required, with opportunities to do hybrid work from home.

Compensation:

The Environmental Education 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 which would include contact information of 2 references to morgan@catawbariverkeeper.org with "Summer 2021 Environmental Education Internship" in the subject line.

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