



Winous Point Marsh Conservancy

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Tentative Employment Periods:

Summer Internship: June - Sept *

Fall Internship: June - December *

* Start and end dates are highly flexible and will work around your academic calendar as needed.

Salary:

\$1,500.00 per month and lodging provided

The **Winous Point Marsh Conservancy** (WPMC), located just outside Port Clinton in Ottawa County, Ohio, is a private, non-profit conservation organization that maintains Ohio's largest privately owned wetland (5000 acres). WPMC was established in 1999 to increase the natural resource contributions of the **Winous Point Shooting Club**, a private duck-hunting club founded in 1856 that has funded wetlands and wildlife research and training programs since 1949.

Job duties for the internships are diverse but fall into 4 broad categories:

Wetlands and Waterfowl Research – Participate as an active team member of an ongoing waterfowl banding effort; assist with the collection of submerged aquatic vegetation samples; aid in the monitoring of invasive *Phragmites* control sites; assist graduate students on a variety of wetlands research projects.

Wetlands Management – Service water-level control structures; disc, mow, seed, and conduct controlled burns for marsh management; utilize tractors, backhoe, chainsaws, and backpack chemical sprayers; assist with invasive species control.

Hunting Season Duties (primarily fall intern) – Cut shooting holes; build blinds and docks; maintain decoys and boats, stack firewood; clean duck cleaning facility; fuel and maintain boats and vehicles; package game; license sales and records bookkeeping.

Grounds Maintenance – Operate, service and repair motorized equipment (tractors, mowers, ATV's etc.); perform painting and light construction, lawn mowing, weed trimming, brush-hogging, and other miscellaneous grounds and landscaping work.



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Two internships are available, summer and fall. These internships will allow students to gain field experience in wetlands and wildlife management, network with wildlife and conservation professionals, and to pursue their own research and learning goals, especially for those interested in post-graduate studies.

For 2017 specific preference will be given to candidates who:

- Are enrolled at a junior or senior level natural resources or similar undergraduate program
- Have experience in waterfowl trapping and banding
- Demonstrate desire to work outdoors and perform physical labor
- Show and ability to work independently and assume project responsibility
- Have a strong interest in wetlands and waterfowl management

A WPMC internship is a physically demanding job. Applicants should expect to routinely lift heavy loads, traverse marshy terrain, and perform physical labor.

A WPMC internship can be as rewarding as you are willing to make it, many opportunities exist at Winous Point and nearby public areas to meet and assist wildlife professionals with their research and conservation activities.

Winous Point Interns also traditionally take advantage of the many outdoor and recreational opportunities that exist here on the property.

Application Process – Please mail or email (preferred) a cover letter outlining your interest, a resume, and three references to: John Simpson, Winous Point Marsh Conservancy, 3500 S Lattimore Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452. john@winous.org; (419) 341-5460. The deadline for applications is March 1 and we will contact selected applicants to arrange personal interviews in early March.

Thank you,
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