



Winous Point Marsh Conservancy

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Tentative Employment Periods:

Summer Internship (1-2): June - Sept *

Fall Internship (1): June - December *

Salary:

\$2,000.00 per month with lodging provided

The **Winous Point Marsh Conservancy** (WPMC), located just outside Port Clinton in Ottawa County, Ohio, is a 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.

Two to three internships are available, summer and fall. Both 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. The fall internship will also entail working through the duck hunting season and associated customer service and hospitality duties.

The degree to which students will benefit from this internship will largely be related to their desire to learn about wetlands and waterfowl, as opportunities are limited only by the student's ambitions. In addition to the suite of ongoing management and research at WPMC, Interns will have work-day opportunities to volunteer with nearby state and federal wildlife areas, conservation districts, and on-site wildlife researchers to further their experience.

Summer and fall internships generally are "8 to 4" jobs with occasional early/late and/or weekend hours. During the duck-hunting season, the fall intern will be required to be on the premise and work early and late seven days a week. Both the summer and fall interns will be required to complete a wetland plant collection and short research project during their stay at Winous Point. WPMC interns will live in intern quarters (including kitchen and laundry) and will have access to laboratory and field equipment for research and recreational use.

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



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JOB DESCRIPTION

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

Biological Survey and Inventory – Opportunities exist to assist with waterfowl, waterbird, and shorebird banding; waterbird surveys, inventory and monitoring of invasive plant species; assist with in sampling for avian flu; and to conduct individual wildlife research project and wetland plant collection.

Hunting Season Preparation - Cut shooting holes; build blinds and docks; maintain decoys and boats.

Hunting Season Duties (primarily fall intern) – 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.

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.

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 February 10 of each year and we will arrange personal interviews and hire shortly thereafter.

Thank you,
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