

**Working as an intern at Stillman** can be tough. You'll be outside most of the time with heat, biting insects, ticks, thorny branches, etc. If you're interested in an intern position please email or send us a cover letter that includes your field of study and purpose in applying. A resume would also be helpful.

If you're accepted as a college intern, we pay \$13/hour for a 20-hour week, for ten weeks. Some students have received college credit for their time at Stillman. We hope to hire three interns this year.

Our college interns have come from a variety of schools including Augustana College, Boston Univ., Eastern Michigan University, Univ. of Vermont, Iowa State, and Carleton College.

For more internship details read below:

### **INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2023**

- 1) *Maintain trails.* This will primarily involve removing branches that impede a visitor's progress along the trails. We have miles of trails.
- 2) *Identify and control non-native plant species.* Buckthorn, garlic mustard and teasel all need to be addressed. Particular attention should be given to species found in our area but not yet established in the nature center (e.g. purple loosestrife).
- 3) *Captive raptor care and management.* The Nature Center's educational displays include eight species of permanently-injured birds of prey. The interns will help in all aspects of working with these raptors. These duties would include everything from cage cleaning and talon trimming to helping with education programs.
- 4) *Enhance woodland trail.* We are hoping to plant some more native trees and shrubs. Assuming a small grant comes through, the interns will be watering and making sure these plants get through their first summer.
- 5) *Maintain and survey bird boxes.* Stillman has bird boxes scattered around the property designed for everything from bluebirds to wood ducks. These need to be inspected, repositioned, replaced, or removed.
- 6) *Inspect and clear fencelines,* if time allows.
- 7) *Coordinate with Eagle Scout candidates.* At present, no Eagle Scout candidates have projects underway at Stillman. However, that may change. If so, the interns will be asked to supervise the scouts as they tackle some of the projects listed above (e.g. bird nest boxes).

## **INTERN TRAINING & SUPERVISION**

The Nature Center's Executive Director, Mark Spreyer, will be responsible for the intern's training and supervision. The interns will also be working with Stillman's naturalist, Lara Sviatko. In addition, interns will receive guidance from the nature center's raptor handlers, landscape volunteers, and environmental educators.

More information about Stillman Nature Center and our internships can be found at [stillmanncc.org](http://stillmanncc.org)