

Interpretive Guide Internship

Flexible schedule position

(Typically offered between May and August)



Objective:

Grandfather Mountain internships provide students with experience in non-formal education, interpretive programming, and customer service. Our conservation education team delivers student led, discussion-based field experiences that are an extension of the classroom and directly related to school curriculum. Interns should have an interest in the natural world and be able to relate higher level concepts to groups and visitors in a way that is understandable.

Major Duties:

- Research, design and present at least one interpretive program to park visitors
- Assist in the creation of non-personal interpretive media such as handouts, exhibits and guidebooks
- With training, respond to emergency calls and take appropriate action following established guidelines and procedures
- Rove park trails and visitor areas to provide informal interpretation and customer service
- Serve as a frontline representative of the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation
- Assist in research activities such as bird point counts, salamander inventories, plant data collection

Qualifications:

- Working towards/have degree in biology, zoology, environmental studies, recreation management, or a related field.
- Public speaking ability and good communication skills
- Ability to take initiative and work individually
- Capable of learning local flora and fauna
- Ability to hike relatively strenuous trails, stand for multiple hours, and lift/carry 50 pounds
- Reliable transportation (occasionally we use personal vehicles to get around the park)

Structure:

Internships are designed with the student's needs and schedule in mind. Training will be provided, and current interns may be able to attend workshops and professional development opportunities at no cost.

Interns committed to work a minimum of 200 hours can apply for our paid internship. Paid interns receive \$14 per hour. All other Internships are unpaid opportunities.

To apply, please complete our [employment application](#).