



Delaware River Watershed Fellowship 2019 at the Schuylkill River Greenways NHA

Job Description

The **Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area** is a member of the Alliance for Watershed Education, (AWE), a coalition of 23 environmental education centers focused on constituency building and stewardship of the Delaware River Watershed. Centers in the Alliance are connected by the Circuit Trails, the regional trail network of multi-use bike/pedestrian trails and waterways (rivers, streams, creeks.) The Alliance seeks fellows for a 12-week summer fellowship designed to advance the collective impact across the watershed. The Fellows program will foster watershed stewardship by establishing a team of ambassadors and building capacity for the Centers involved and the Alliance as a whole.

The Schuylkill River Greenways NHA is a National & State Heritage Area that encompasses the Schuylkill River Watershed through parts of five counties: Philadelphia, Montgomery, Chester, Berks and Schuylkill. SRG's mission is to connect residents, visitors and communities to the Schuylkill River and the Schuylkill River Trail by serving as a catalyst for civic engagement and economic development in order to foster stewardship of the watershed and its heritage.

Position Summary:

The Delaware River Watershed Fellows will serve as an ambassador for the Schuylkill River Greenways NHA and the Delaware River watershed by engaging our watershed community, emphasizing the importance of watershed stewardship and helping SRG reach and engage new and underserved audiences. By the end of the 12 weeks of service, Fellows will have become local watershed experts and ambassadors to their community and will have introduced many new people to their local trails, waterways, and environmental center, as well as the steps they can take to help restore and protect the Delaware River Watershed.

Position Location: SRG is located at 140 College Drive in Pottstown. Fellows will spend their time in Pottstown, but will also be expected to visit partner sites in other parts of the Heritage Area for various activities.

Duties:

- Engage target communities in the Schuylkill River watershed and Delaware watershed through stewardship, education, recreation and civic engagement
- Required to participate in a 3-day supportive watershed stewardship training at Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 12-14) <http://www.peec.org/>
- Participate in weekly webinars and check-ins
- Attend 2 (two) in-person regional meetings
- Complete a Capstone Project and present at the end of program Summit (August 16)
- Provide environmental educational activities and lessons
- Table at farmer's markets and community events to provide information about our organization, the watershed and nature-based children activities
- Assist SRG Education Coordinator with Schuylkill Explorers educational programs
- Assist with monthly weekend Pedal & Paddle and other recreational programs
- Work with local libraries and municipal camps to host weekly environmental education sessions

- Organize two outdoor movie nights in communities along the river (Schuylkill Haven and Phoenixville)
- Research information about water quality monitoring and existing water quality data currently available for the Schuylkill
- Complete a required Capstone project to be presented at the end of season Watershed Fellowship Summit, August 16. This individual project will help enhance network goals, deepen the connection and engagement of trail and water users and expand watershed protection and restoration. This capstone will focus on creating a team of water quality volunteers to help SRG monitor water quality in the Schuylkill River Watershed.
- Assist with daily office tasks as needed

Qualifications and Experience:

- Age 18+ by May 28 start date
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; superior interpersonal skills with a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity
- Experience working with children
- Some environmental educational experience preferred
- Comfortable working outdoors
- Must be people oriented, have a team-focused attitude, and the ability to professionally represent the Schuylkill River Greenways NHA and the network to the public
- A positive attitude and good sense of humor, as well as comfort working independently as a leader and part of a team, when needed
- Ability to work in a dynamic fast-paced environment and juggle multiple, changing priorities; strong time and project management skills needed
- Must be self-motivated and willing to work in a flexible, non-structured environment
- SRG is dedicated to building a culturally diverse organization and strongly encourages applications from minorities and women
- Occasional evening and weekend hours required
- Valid state driver's license required
- Able to lead walks/hikes through varied terrain, comfortable in a canoe or kayak

Essential dates

- May 28, 2019: Fellow start date at Schuylkill River Greenways NHA
- June 12 - 14: Required Watershed Stewardship Training (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center (food and accommodations provided)
- August 16: Watershed Fellowship Summit and last day of fellowship*

Compensation: This position pays \$12/hr. Fellows will serve 35 hrs/week for 12 weeks

*The Watershed Fellowship may be extended for an additional 240 hours after the initial 12-week period of employment. The extension can take the form of an additional six weeks of full-time engagement or be spread out over the balance of the calendar year

How to apply:

Please email a cover letter and resume

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Application Deadline: Friday, April 19, 2019