



Internship Opportunity! **Ornithology Steward**

Time Frame: Spring, Summer, or Fall 2017
Deadline to Apply: Rolling
Class Credit: Available, but not required
Time Commitment: 8-16 hours/week
Work Location: Ganondagan State Historic Site, Victor New York, 14564

Position Description:

Ganondagan State Historic Site is working to be dedicated as a Bird Conservation Area (BCA), the first in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). The Ornithology Program aims to collect data to support the designation of the site as a BCA through song bird surveys, raptor surveys, and maintaining the Eastern Bluebird nest boxes on site. Knowing what species is on site is crucial to helping develop habitat enhancement techniques to be used. The Ornithology Steward will assist in conducting surveys throughout the breeding season, starting with spring migration and ending with fall migration. The opportunity to assist with raptor surveys is also available during last fall. They will be responsible for collecting data and inputting data into online and internal databases. It is preferred that the applicant has bird identification experience, however training in survey methods will be offered at the start of the internship.

Work duties include:

- Conducting surveys throughout the breeding season as dictated by previously written protocols.
- Recording information gathered during surveys, including: species observed, breeding traits exhibited, location on site, etc.
- Assisting with other day to day activities on site, including: invasive species removal, public outreach, and leading volunteer events.

Qualifications:

- Experienced in identifying bird species by both sight and song recommended.
- Candidate should have excellent communication and organizational skills, be reliable and self-motivated.
- Candidate should be familiar with Excel, and other Microsoft Office programs for data recording and developing outreach materials.
- Ability to work outdoors throughout the summer, in most weather conditions.
- Candidates must be able to provide their own transportation to and from work site.

If interested, please contact:

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