2020 Delaware River Watershed Fellowship

at the Pocono Environmental Education Center

The Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) 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 along Circuit Trails, the regional trail network of multi-use bike/pedestrian trails and waterways (rivers, streams, creeks.) The Alliance, now in its fourth season, is again seeking to hire young people at each center for a 12-week summer fellowship designed to advance their collective impact across the watershed.

PEEC is one of the most respected and recognized residential environmental education centers in the Northeast, whose mission is to advance environmental education, sustainable living and an appreciation for nature through hands-on experience in a national park. We offer a variety of opportunities for year-round exploration of the natural world within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA) to educate and engage approximately 25,000 annual visitors.

Position Summary:
The Delaware River Watershed Fellow will serve as an ambassador for PEEC and the Delaware River watershed by engaging our watershed community, emphasizing the importance of watershed stewardship and helping PEEC reach and engage new and underserved audiences. By the end of 12 weeks of service, the Watershed Fellow will have become a local watershed expert and ambassador to their community and will have introduced many new people to their local trail(s) and waterways, as well as ways they can help restore and protect the larger Delaware River Watershed.

Position Location: PEEC is located at 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry PA 18328. The fellow will spend much of their time at PEEC and in the surrounding National Park.

Duties:
– Engage communities in PEEC and Delaware Watershed through stewardship, education, recreation and civic engagement.
– Participate in a 3 day supportive watershed stewardship training at Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 10-12.) http://www.peec.org/
– Fellow will be expected to participate in weekly webinars and check-ins with Fellows at other AWE centers.
– Fellow will attend two in-person regional meetings.
– With guidance from their supervisor, complete a Capstone Project and present their work at the end of program Summit (August 14). This individual project should align with program goals, deepen the connection and engagement of trail and water users and expand watershed protection and restoration.
– Greet visitors and the community on behalf of PEEC
– The Watershed Fellow will serve as a local expert on the Delaware River Watershed in the DWGNRA.
– Prepare and present engaging, hands-on environmental and recreational programming which includes events and activities led at PEEC as well as outreach within local communities.
– Fellow will lead interpretive hikes on PEEC’s trails and monitor trail activity, gathering data on users through surveys.
– Provide resources such as maps, literature, event flyers to park and trail users.
– Assist with daily work projects and general upkeep of the facility, including trail and exhibit maintenance, cleaning and office tasks.

**Qualifications and Experience:**
– Age 18+ by June 1 start date.
– Must be people oriented, have a team-focused attitude, and the ability to professionally represent PEEC and the Alliance for Watershed Education to the public.
– Oral and written communication skills; superior interpersonal skills with a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity also necessary.
– 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.
– Willingness to work Friday through Sunday and two additional days each week.
– Valid state driver’s license required.
– Willingness to work outside in a variety of weather conditions.
– Ability to hike on trails and uneven terrain.
– River experience or certifications in lifeguards/first aid are desirable – Fellow must comfortable in a canoe.
– PEEC is dedicated to building a culturally diverse organization and strongly encourages applications from minorities and women. Spanish speaking candidates are strongly encouraged to apply as well.

**Essential dates:**
– June 1, 2020: Fellow start date at PEEC
– June 10-12: Required Watershed Stewardship Training (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center (Meals, transportation and accommodations provided).
– Region 3 Centers Meeting: July 9 and August 6
– August 14: Watershed Fellowship Summit (location to be announced).
– August 21: Last day of Fellowship (Fellow may finish their term of service any time after the August 14 Summit through August 25 as needed).

**Compensation:** This position pays $9.50/hour to $12/hour depending on whether Room and Board is provided at PEEC. Fellow will serve 35-40 hours/week for 12 weeks June - August.

**How to apply:**
Email a resume and cover letter to:

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**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020