

Visiting Naturalist
Cope Environmental Center
Centerville, Indiana

Cope Environmental Center (CEC) is pleased to announce a nine-month position for a qualified and dynamic Visiting Naturalist. This position is supported through a grant by the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust. The Visiting Naturalist reports to the Executive Director and will work closely with the staff and volunteers to promote ecological health on the Cope property while gaining skills in environmental education interpretation, field work (botany, etc.), non-profit administration, and project management. This ~30 hour per week position is designed for a current undergrad student, graduate student, or someone seeking a one-year post-baccalaureate position before beginning a career in environmental stewardship.

CEC is an environmental education organization that promotes the sustainable use of the earth's resources through education, demonstration and research. Our facility features over 4 miles of trails on 130 acres of natural habitat open to the public 365 days a year, and our educational programs reach thousands of participants every year.

Key Roles & Opportunities:

- Learn to become an effective environmental educator through on-site training
- Experience multiple careers in environmental stewardship through field days with employees of The Nature Conservancy, DNR, and other nature centers/field sites
- Complete a "legacy project" on the property which aims to improve the ecological health of the local environment
- Research and respond to public questions about wildlife, plants, and environmental health
- Work with students and adults in established environmental education programming
- Assist in development of guides and resources for new education center

Minimum qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree (or actively pursuing), with major or significant courses in biology and/or environmental conservation
- Knowledge of or desire to understand not-for-profit sector
- Must have reliable transportation

Key Attributes:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent identification and research skills (biology)
- Excellent attention to details
- Ability to work independently
- Strong logistical planning and coordination skills
- Strong sense of community and passion for CEC's mission

To Apply:

Please send cover letter, resume (including all relevant college courses) and a minimum of three references to:

Cope Environmental Center

Attn: Nathan J. Smallwood

1730 Airport Rd.

Centerville, IN 47330

Or email to n.smallwood@copeenvironmental.org

Application Deadline: August 31st

Start Month: September/October 2017

End Month: May 2018

Position Funding Details: \$9,986 stipend (\$1109.56/month for 9 months)

Housing assistance may be available