



# Dunes Learning Center

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## Position Announcement

**Position Title:** Naturalist Intern (Ten Positions Available)

**General Description:** Dunes Learning Center (DLC) is a residential education facility within the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore that works in close partnership with the National Park Service (NPS). Our mission is to help learners of all ages explore the dynamic relationship between people and their environments using the natural and cultural resources of the Indiana Dunes region. Naturalist Interns are key members of the program staff at the DLC. Naturalist Interns will develop their naturalist, outdoor education, and resource interpretation skills and techniques. They will instruct children and adults regarding the diversity of ecosystems, plants and animals, and cultural history of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and southern Lake Michigan region.

**Term of Position:** Full-time 9-month position (Late August-Early June), involves weekend and evening hours

### Responsibilities:

- Present DLC programs in natural and cultural history, inquiry-based science, and resource stewardship for children and adults; primarily students in grades 4-12
- Lead half-day and day-long educational/interpretive hikes on Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore trails
- Assist in the design of customized environmental and science education programs for students of all ages
- Attend training workshops and regularly scheduled staff meetings
- Ensure safety and well-being of program participants
- Conduct evening and weekend programs
- Assist in the maintenance of all program supplies, equipment, and facilities
- Assist with other duties as required

### Required Qualifications

- BA/BS in Natural Sciences, Biology, Education, Parks and Recreation Management, Environmental Sciences, Environmental Studies, Resource or Heritage Interpretation, Natural Resources, Outdoor or Environmental Education, or related field
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Physically able to work outdoors in all weather conditions and hike several miles over hilly dunes terrain while carrying a 25-lb backpack
- Great independent worker and team player
- Possess valid driver's license and have reliable transportation (car, bike, etc)

### Desired Qualifications

- Prior experience in classroom teaching, outdoor education, residential camp setting, nature centers, or day camps
- Lifesaving and water safety certification
- Ability to play a musical instrument and lead songs

**Benefits:** \$210.00 per week stipend, shared housing located on Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore property, uniforms, NPS training and certification in resource interpretation, First Aid and CPR training, meals when groups are in residence.

**To Apply:** Send a cover letter and resume to Brian Forist, Education Director, Dunes Learning Center, 700 Howe Road, Chesterton, IN 46304; 219-395-9555, ext. 3; [bforist@duneslearningcenter.org](mailto:bforist@duneslearningcenter.org).