



Sunship Earth Environmental Education Internships



Stratford Ecological Center is a private, nonprofit State Nature Preserve and working farm located just south of Delaware and 30 minutes north of Columbus. There are 236 acres of land, both woods and farmland, in which lies a pond, a creek, two buttonbush swamps, an historic cemetery, and a maple-sugaring house. School field trips, Farm Camps, festivals, family programs and adult classes make up our educational programs. We are multifaceted with environmental education at the forefront of our mission.

This fall, Stratford is implementing the international Sunship Earth program. Sunship Earth is a highly experiential 5-day program for 5th graders. Children participate during their school day and return home each night. These 5 days at the Sunship Earth Study Station help students understand how their world functions - and to like what they understand. While addressing 80% of the Ohio 5th grade Academic Content Standards for Science, students learn how this very special planet, our "sunship," operates, and how we can both enjoy the ride and help keep the ship going on behalf of all the other passengers.

Interns will work as instructors, or "crew leaders" for Sunship Earth, learning and teaching the 23 activities that comprise the program. This experience will give interns practical, hands-on experiences with teaching environmental education curriculum at its finest. College credit is possible if arranged through your university.

Intern applicants should have experience working with children, either informally or formally, be self-motivated, dedicated workers, and conscientious learners. "Sunship Earth," by Steve Van Matre, is required reading.

The internship runs September 12 through November 18. Interns work 7:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. On occasional Thursdays, interns work 7:30a.m. to 8:30p.m.

For more information, please contact Stratford's Education Director, Christa Hein at (740) 363-2548 or treebeing@aol.com.

The application can be found at www.stratfordecologicalcenter.org. Please send your resume, application and letter of intent to Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Rd., Delaware, Ohio, 43015 or to Christa Hein at treebeing@aol.com.

