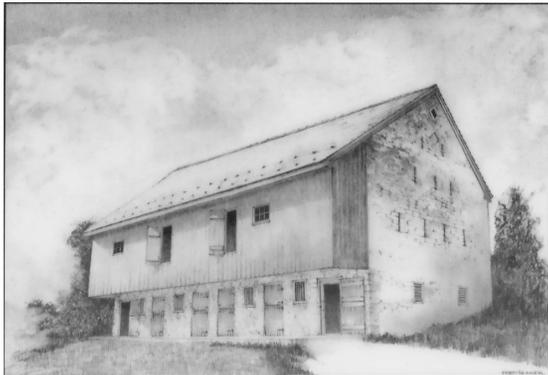


## Benefits of Interning at the Lancaster County Department of Parks & Recreation's Environmental Center:

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Environmental Center interns:

- 🌍 Work with a knowledgeable and experienced staff of naturalists
- 🌍 Learn valuable skills
- 🌍 Explore nine county parks and a range of habitats
- 🌍 Spend quality time outdoors
- 🌍 Challenge themselves
- 🌍 Choose a convenient schedule
- 🌍 Have fun!



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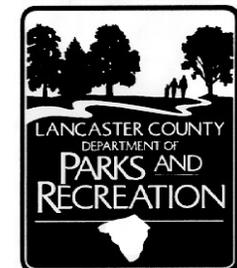
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**Environmental Center**  
*Open for scheduled public programs  
or by reservation only.*

**Environmental Education Office Hours:**  
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# Environmental Education Internship Program

*Training Tomorrow's  
Environmental Leaders*



**Q: What is the best way to acquire skills and experience you need to compete in the environmental job market?**

**A: Complete an internship at the Lancaster County Department of Parks & Recreation's Environmental Center.**

Since 1973, the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation has been providing innovative programs that promote environmentally sensitive Earth stewardship to groups of all ages.

As the Department's Environmental Center has grown, so too has the internship program, which now offers students opportunities to master a broad range of skills and enhance their understanding of nature.

Internships at the Center provide experience not only developing and teaching nature programs but also managing independent projects.

Plus, interns can tailor an internship to meet their personal interests and professional goals.

**“The best part about the program is that it taught me to not be afraid to teach science. It became a lifelong part of my teaching.”**

Shirley Harms, 6th Gr. Geography Teacher  
Martin Meylin Middle School, Lampeter, PA

Internships at the Environmental Center are great for students in almost any major, not just environmental or outdoor education.

Interns will learn many facets of operating a year-round environmental education center. They will also:

- 🌍 Prepare and present nature programs to groups of all ages
- 🌍 Facilitate teambuilding and ropes course programs
- 🌍 Conduct recreational activities
- 🌍 Lead interpretive hikes
- 🌍 Master library management skills
- 🌍 Design educational displays
- 🌍 Manage a park project

## How to Apply:

Students majoring in any subject are encouraged to apply. However, the most successful interns are those who:

- 🌍 Enjoy working with children
- 🌍 Understand and appreciate nature
- 🌍 Can work independently and on a team
- 🌍 Exercise creativity

**“[The internship] helped me to get my teaching job. I still use what I learned as an intern in my classroom.”**

Emily Vasey, 4th Gr. Teacher  
Hans Herr Elem. School, Lampeter, PA

Only a handful of internships are offered each year, typically during the fall, spring, or summer. These internships can be paid or unpaid and in some cases can even be structured to earn college credits.

Applications are accepted year-round. Preference is given to the first qualified applicants. To improve your chances of being offered an internship, submit your application at least three months before the season in which you wish to work begins.

For more information or to receive an application, call (717) 295-2055 or email your request to [parks@co.lancaster.pa.us](mailto:parks@co.lancaster.pa.us).