



## **Job description: Delaware River Watershed Fellow**

### **Overview:**

The Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) is working with other local environmental centers in an effort to build a network focused on constituency building and stewardship of the Delaware River Watershed. This network of 23 environmental centers seeks to hire 23 young people (one at each center) for a 12 week summer fellowship designed to advance our 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 appreciation for nature through hands-on experiences 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 24,000 annual visitors.

### **Position Summary:**

The Watershed Fellow will serve as an ambassador for PEEC and the Delaware River watershed by engaging our local community, emphasizing the importance of stewardship and helping PEEC reach and engage new and underserved audiences. By the end of the 12 weeks of service, Fellows will have become local watershed experts and will have introduced many new people to their local trails and waterways, in addition to PEEC, as well as the steps they can take to help restore and protect the Delaware River Watershed.

**Position Location:** 538 Emery Road Dingmans Ferry PA, 18328 – located within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

### **Duties:**

- Engage target communities in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, surrounding towns, and Delaware watershed through stewardship, education, recreation and civic engagement.
- Participate in a 3 day Watershed Stewardship Training at Pocono Environmental Education Center (Overnight, June 14-16.) <http://www.peec.org/>
- Complete a required Capstone project to be presented at the end of season Watershed Fellowship Summit, August 18. This individual project should help enhance network goals, deepen the connection and engagement of trail and water users and expand watershed protection and restoration.
- Fellows will be expected to participate in regular online interaction with the other Watershed Fellows through an online discussion platform.
- Fellows will be required to visit at least two other Environmental Centers in the network in order to gain a more complete understanding of the Delaware River watershed.

### **PEEC specific tasks:**

- Interact with visitors, trails users, and local communities on behalf of PEEC
- Serve as resident expert on local watershed issues related to the Delaware River and Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.
- Prepare and present engaging, hands-on environmental and recreational programming which includes events and activities at the center as well as outreach to local communities





- Lead interpretive hikes on PEEC's 14 miles of trails
- Collect and analyze visitor survey data related to trail usage and public programming
- Assist with day to day operations as needed

**Qualifications and Experience:**

- Age 18-24 by June 5 start date.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; superior interpersonal skills with a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity also necessary.
- Must be people oriented, have a team-focused attitude, and the ability to professionally represent PEEC and the center network to the public.
- Willingness to work Friday through Sunday and two additional days each week
- A positive attitude, 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; strong time and project management skills needed. Must be self-motivated and willing to work in a flexible, non-structured environment.
- Ability to move up to 50lbs and set-up equipment (i.e. tables, chairs, A/V equipment)
- Ability to hike on trails, traverse stairs and uneven terrain; comfortable in a canoe or kayak
- Ability to work outside in a variety of weather conditions
- Valid driver's license required
- PEEC is dedicated to building a culturally diverse organization and strongly encourages applications from minorities and women.

**Essential dates**

- June 5: Fellows start date at Pocono Environmental Education Center
- June 14 - 16: Required Watershed Stewardship Training (overnight) at PEEC (Food and accommodations provided)
- August 18: Watershed Fellowship Summit at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge, Philadelphia
- August 25: Last day of Fellowship

**Compensation:** This position pays \$9.50 to 12/hr - depending on if PEEC on-campus housing is provided. Fellows will serve 40 hrs/week for 12 weeks.

**How to apply:**

Please send cover letter, resume, and 2 references to:

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**Application deadline:** March 31, 2017

