Glen Helen
• OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER •

NATURALIST TEACHER INTERN
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The Naturalist Teacher Intern curriculum fosters learning in an inclusive and collaborative environment. Training is led by professionals with a combined ~50 years of experience in both formal and informal education. Trainees will have the opportunity to engage in the following topics including, but not limited to:

- Natural History
  - Ornithology, dendrology, entomology, forest ecology, geology, herpetology, Ohio mammals, stream ecology
  - Sensory awareness and scientific observational skills
  - Modern conservation and stewardship
  - Environmental history
  - Cultural history in partnership with Great Council State Park
  - Wilderness skills
  - Community science
  - Raptor handling and interpretation

- Pedagogy
  - Interpretive techniques, inquiry skills, storytelling, learning cycle
  - Trauma-informed teaching
  - Restorative discipline practices
  - Curriculum analysis
  - Program/lesson planning

- Professional Development
  - First aid/CPR/AED certification (pediatric and adult)
  - Field trips to other environmental education and conservation sites and organizations
  - Networking opportunities
  - Guest presenters and topics
  - Job shadowing

Naturalist Teacher Internship Program

Mission: The Outdoor Education Center welcomes all, fosters respect for the environment, provides science-based experiential learning, and supports character development through immersion in nature.

We strive to do the same for our Naturalist Teacher Interns (NTIs) through this 9-month long training program. The Naturalist Training Intern program provides both experiential and foundational training along with certifications and career readiness.

Location: Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center (OEC), Yellow Springs, Ohio

Duration: 9-months (Aug-May, typically)

Benefits: stipend, housing, meals, and more!

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