



Penn State University
Shaver's Creek Environmental Center
Graduate Assistant (GA) Position Description
Raptor Center

DESCRIPTION

This graduate assistantship with Shaver's Creek Environmental Center is a quarter-time position with tuition waiver and stipend. The GA will work closely with the Community program director to gain experience in, and contribute to, programming, outreach, and research. The position start date is approximately one week prior to start of fall semester and concludes one week after the end of spring semester.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Acceptance and enrollment in a Penn State graduate program
- A strong interest in science education, biology, and/or ornithology
- An undergraduate degree in a related discipline with a minimum 3.0 GPA

RESPONSIBILITIES (approximately 10 hours per week)

- GA will design and execute new traveling naturalist programs to fit with Pennsylvania Educational Standards, environmental "hot topics," and desired curriculum of schools.
- GA will assist the Raptor Center intern and environmental education interns in the delivery of current traveling naturalist programs
- GA will aid the Raptor Center director and Raptor Center intern in caring for the animals (some daily care and some health maintenance).
- GA will assess the educational value of traveling naturalist programs and will design pre- and post-curriculum/activities for the traveling naturalist programs.
- GA will perform occasional duties related to the operation of Shaver's Creek including participation in weekly staff meetings and weekend staffing of visitor center services (approximately two days per semester), annual festivals, and center-wide events (e.g., Maple Harvest Festival, Birding Cup/Native Plant Celebration and Sale).

BENEFITS/COMPENSATION

This position carries a tuition waiver for fall and spring semesters and a monthly stipend to be determined based on available funding and student qualifications.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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