



Rocky Mountain Field Institute

Environmental Leadership Internship (ELI) Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region

PAID POSITION for eligible candidates*

Do you love the outdoors? Do you want to gain experience in environmental conservation work? The Rocky Mountain Field Institute is seeking a passionate and motivated high school student to work with us as an intern in the field!

****Eligibility as a Generation Wild ELI is reserved for youth and young adults residing in the Southeast Colorado Springs area. Please contact us with any questions regarding eligibility.***

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Environmental Leadership Intern will work under the supervision of the RMFI field and office staff, and will assist with RMFI's on-the-ground trail and restoration volunteer field work days, helping to engage volunteers in project tasks, assisting with the maintenance and care of tools and gear, and overseeing safety and project goals. Depending on the intern's availability and interests, there may also be opportunities to help with various projects in the office including marketing initiatives, event planning, database management, and other general nonprofit operations!

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:

- High school students or recent graduates between the ages of 16 and 18 years old.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Land stewardship techniques in:
 - Trail maintenance and construction.
 - Restoration and revegetation of damaged natural areas and wildlife habitat.
- Leadership skills through assisting with volunteer work-days.
- Tool and equipment use, maintenance, and repairs.
- Outdoor leadership skills such as Leave No Trace ethics, risk management, and more.
- Data management and computer skills
- Event planning, marketing, and outreach.

DESIRED SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Great attitude and willingness to learn and take part in a variety of tasks.
- Ability to hike up to three miles round-trip while carrying tools and personal gear.
- Ability to work outside with hand tools for up to 6 hours per day.

- Self-starter who demonstrates the ability to take initiative, set goals, and achieve them both independently and cooperatively as a member of the team.
- Ability to arrange own transportation to and from the RMFI office on scheduled days.
- A love for the outdoors!

SCHEDULE:

This position will split time between office-based and field-based tasks and will vary between weekdays and weekends, depending on the agreed-upon schedule between RMFI and the intern. Work days are between May and August from 7 am to 3 pm. The number of workdays and hours as well as the duration of the internship can be flexible based on the intern's schedule and availability.

COMPENSATION:

Intern will be compensated \$14.00/hour up to a maximum of 200 hours.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send an application (last page) to Calla Balliett at calla@rmfi.org.

ABOUT ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD INSTITUTE

The Rocky Mountain Field Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit environmental stewardship organization based in Colorado Springs, Colorado. RMFI is dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of public lands in Southern Colorado through volunteer-based trail and restoration projects, environmental education, and restoration research.

RMFI is committed to protecting and enhancing the ecological health of our land and water resources by completing projects focused on watershed restoration, forest health, and creating sustainable recreation access. By prioritizing the involvement of community volunteers and youth, RMFI envisions a world where our work fosters vibrant and healthy natural systems that are respected and cared for by the public. For more information, please visit www.rmfi.org.

ABOUT GENERATION WILD

Generation Wild was created by Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to reconnect kids with nature and get them to experience the incredible benefits that are right outside the front door. Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region is one of 15 communities across Colorado who are working to get more kids outside through partnerships, programs, places, and pathways. To learn more about the Generation Wild movement around the State of Colorado click below to visit www.generationwild.com.



Rocky Mountain Field Institute
Environmental Leadership Internship Application
Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region

First Name _____ Last Name _____ School _____

Grade _____ Date of Birth _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Address Line 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

What kinds of outdoor activities do you currently participate in?

What interests you about the Environmental Leadership Internship with Rocky Mountain Field Institute?

What do you hope to gain by being an intern with Rocky Mountain Field Institute?

What is your availability during the summer? (Field-based work days are full days between 7 am to 3 pm. Office-based work days are half days as scheduled. The intern may work a combination of weekdays and weekends during the summer internship.)

Do you have access to reliable transportation to and from the RMFI office?