

Celebrate Birds/ Celebra Las Aves: Latinos in Avian Conservation

2019 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION



SITE	USFS Chugach National Forest, Cordova, Alaska
PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND WORK PRODUCTS	<p>Travel to one of the most magnificent locations for Western Sandpiper migration and assist with and coordinate spring surveys of this amazing traveler. In April and May, work will focus on these surveys and on helping organize the Cordova Shorebird Festival. The intern will also work on other migratory/nesting bird projects, such as Dusky Goose nest sites, as well as citizen science and public outreach. The intern will create and deliver bilingual (English/Spanish) public presentations as needed, work onsite with educators as part of local environmental education and interpretative programs. Prior survey experience is not required, but a willingness to learn and an enthusiasm for interacting with the public and children is necessary. You will receive all necessary professional training and will gain real-life job experience working alongside our wildlife staff and environmental education specialists. This is a great opportunity for career shadowing and hands-on experience in the fields of wildlife biology and environmental education.</p>
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age 18 to 35, and in college (undergraduate or graduate) or recent graduate.• US citizen or legal resident.• A strong interest – or relevant experience – in bird conservation and/or willingness to learn is required. Enthusiasm for interacting with the public and children is encouraged.• Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) are helpful and preferred.• Be social media savvy!
START/END DATE	March - August
HOUSING	YES

HOUSING DETAILS	Interns will be provided with lodging for the duration of the internship in a dormitory for seasonal workers. Early in the season, few people will be on-site, so the intern must be able to live in quiet conditions without many people around, until others arrive.
STIPEND PAYMENT	Monthly stipend of \$1200 for a minimum of 32 hours and a maximum of 40 hours.
WORK ENVIRONMENT	Cordova is a remote site and leaving or returning home during the internship is not likely to be possible. Wildlife fieldwork in Alaska is conducted in rain and cold temperatures (and sometimes sunny days). This work is rewarding but is also physically challenging as many key wetland field sites are far from the road system. Intern should be in good shape and able to hike and work outdoors for long hours. Travel in Alaska is conducted by motorized and non-motorized boats in many places and may even involve travel in a small plane. It will be the adventure of a lifetime!
OTHER INFORMATION	Interns will be required to participate in a weeklong training prior to departure to Cordova (all expenses included) before the start of the internship.