



**Baltimore Woods  
Nature Center**  
*Nature in your hands*

### ***Nature in the City Internship: Description of Position***

Baltimore Woods Nature Center is a not-for-profit (501(c)(3)) environmental education organization headquartered in Marcellus, NY, 12 miles west of Syracuse. Baltimore Woods offers people of all ages opportunities to enjoy and learn about nature first-hand in a positive environment that encourages lifelong respect for nature, for others, and for self. The Woods offers a nature Interpretive Center, a 182-acre nature preserve, and six miles of hiking trails.

As an intern you will assist Baltimore Woods Educators with the award-winning *Nature in the City* program. *Nature in the City* links urban schools with neighborhood green spaces through environmental education. The multi-faceted *Nature in the City* program introduces students in grades K - 6 to science in their neighborhoods through a series of classroom and green-space lessons and the music of Billy B. Brennan. Based in Syracuse, the program provides the opportunity for schoolchildren to:

- Make or strengthen their connections to the natural world.
- Build scientific literacy through hands-on/minds-on activities that link NY State science education standards to their surroundings.
- Develop sensible stewardship for their neighborhood green-spaces.

Interns will be exposed to interpretive theory, place-based environmental education, learning standards and science curriculum, and work with urban youth in classroom and outdoor settings. Interns will assist educators to present programs and in the preparation and transport of educational materials. Participants will take part in peer coaching, *Nature in the City* trainings, and eventually may present programs as well as write, edit and create educational materials. Additionally, interns will assist Baltimore Woods with other daily operations, on-site school visits, public programs, writing newsletter articles, and special events.

Finally, interns will complete a project that will support the *Nature in the City* program. This may include writing and presenting new lesson plans, creating pre and post program activities to support the *Nature in the City* classroom programs, designing new educational materials, or creating tools for program evaluation. Interns may also design their own projects, upon approval.

Internships with the *Nature in the City* program are flexible, but require a minimum 15-day commitment (scheduled weekly, or in one 3-week block). Baltimore Woods does not provide financial compensation for this internship. Query your college or university about compensation, and about the possibility of receiving credit for your internship. This internship will provide you with professional experience in the exciting world of place-based urban environmental education with a nationally recognized, premier nature education organization.

Please contact Emma Anderson, Environmental Educator, at [emma@baltimorewoods.org](mailto:emma@baltimorewoods.org) or (315) 673-1350 for more information, or to apply for this position. Thank you for your interest.