

2011 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PARKS & RECREATION-015

Riverside Park Youth Programming Intern
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AGENCY DESCRIPTION

Parks & Recreation is the steward of more than 29,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Yankee Stadium and Central Park to community gardens and Greenstreets. We operate more than 800 athletic fields and nearly 1,000 playgrounds; we manage five major stadia, 600 tennis courts, 66 public pools, 51 recreational facilities, 17 nature centers, 14 golf courses, and 14 miles of beaches; we care for 800 monuments and 23 historic house museums; we look after 600,000 street trees, and two million more in parks. We are New York City's principal provider of athletic facilities. We are home to free concerts, world-class sports events, and cultural festivals.

The work of the agency goes far beyond the maintenance of 14% of New York City's land. Parks is the City's leading programmer of cultural, athletic and social activities, including nature walks, concerts, learn-to-swim classes, sports clinics, historic house tours, and much more. Each year Parks hosts annual events such as the WinterJam, Adventures NYC, the Pumpkin Festival and several others. In addition, Parks produces many special events, including concerts and movie premieres. In the summer, Parks' busiest season, the agency organizes free carnivals and concerts, and sends mobile recreation vans to travel throughout the five boroughs providing free rental equipment for skating, baseball, and miniature golf.

The Parks Commissioner is appointed by the Mayor to oversee and direct the work of the agency. The Commissioner appoints Deputy Commissioners, Borough Commissioners, and Assistant Commissioners who are responsible for managing the agency's divisions. These senior officials supervise the work of thousands of Parks employees. They work with elected officials to complete capital improvements for parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers. They work with the private sector to sponsor free public events. They get the community involved in Parks through volunteer initiatives and educational and athletic programming in recreation and nature centers. They prepare Parks' budget and monitor the work of Parks' ice-skating rinks, golf courses and other concessions.

UNIT DESCRIPTION

Riverside Park is home to a variety of children's and young adult programming as part of Summer on the Hudson's free season of entertainment including children's sports and concerts to the Park Rangers naturalist programs.

POSITION TITLE

Riverside Park Youth Programming Intern

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

The intern will assist in the set up, break down, and running of the Summer on the Hudson children's programming including Soccer Tots and Pee Wee Basketball (8:30-11am Wednesdays), and Children's Performance Series shows (July 8-Aug 12 10:00-11:30am Thursdays) as well as with the Park Rangers programs on etymology, geology and regional horticulture. The intern will also assist in Arts & Crafts programs at the 91st Street Playground and would work with the Director of Public Programming to develop and implement new youth programming in the Riverside Park.

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

Ease when working with children, schooling in childhood education, or interest in recreation programming.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please email cover letter and resume to Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov

SALARY RANGE

Unpaid

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / COMMENTS

2 positions