

# 2015 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## PARKS & RECREATION-049

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### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation manages 14 percent of the land in New York City. These assets range from playgrounds and large parks, to tranquil wooded areas and over 14 miles of beaches. Parks serve as New Yorkers' backyards, as vital meeting areas for outdoor play and recreation – but also as critical engines for economic growth and development.

The past decade has seen a remarkable expansion of this system, with new parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and amenities opening across the five boroughs. The Bronx River was transformed from an urban dumping ground into a waterway that welcomes kayakers and has gleaming new parks dotting its shoreline. In Queens, Elmhurst Park flourishes where huge gas tanks once stood. In Manhattan, the High Line is a unique open space that brings much needed parkland to the Chelsea community. Brooklyn's once-abandoned industrial waterfront is revitalized with the creation of Brooklyn Bridge Park, Transmitter, and Bushwick Inlet Parks. On Staten Island, Freshkills will cover 2,200 acres of former landfill with lush rolling hills and winding streams. And through PlaNYC, we are ensuring a greener and more sustainable city for future generations. NYC Parks has built new regional parks, restored abandoned Works Progress Administration-era facilities such as McCarren Pool, greened asphalt traffic medians, converted part-time schoolyards into full-time public playgrounds, and has already planted more than 800,000 trees toward our goal of one million.

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 WinterJam, Adventures NYC, and the Pumpkin Festival. In addition, Parks produces many special events, concerts and movie premieres, as well as 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

Computer Resource Centers provide technology access and resources within DPR recreation centers city-wide to New York City residents. CRC programming supports low-cost technology and computer training for recreation center members of all ages and abilities in skills from basic typing to video and film editing. CRCs provide educational enrichment opportunities during afterschool and the summer months to youth ages 6-14 throughout the city in STEM focused and creative media arts activities, including coding.

### POSITION TITLE

Computer Resource Centers Youth Coding & Tech Instructor Intern

### INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with day-to-day operations of SPARX pilot; build and implement a strategy to make SPARX successful and awesome
- Facilitate enrollment in the program in local Bronx communities and with Mozilla Hive educators and innovators

### QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

Junior or senior in college, preferably with a major in computer science or related field.

Ability to communicate creative ideas in written, verbal, and visual forms

Desire to work and collaborate with supervisors, CRC staff and other interns

Proficiency in the use of the following software preferred: Adobe CS3/4/5 (In-design, Photoshop, Illustrator), Microsoft PowerPoint, Word, Excel, and Publisher

Desire to work and collaborate with Recreation Center and CRC staff

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

2 positions available 10-20 hours per week. This is a new program which we are very excited to be initiating. You will have the opportunity to be involved at the crucial implementation stage of the program.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please email cover letter and resume to [Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov)

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