

NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2008

PARKS & RECREATION-004

Capital Division - Specifications & Estimating
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AGENCY DESCRIPTION

Parks and Recreation is a public agency which employs over 4,000 employees (11,000 at the summer peak) Its principal mission is to keep the parks, playgrounds, and sitting areas clean and safe, while developing the City's recreational opportunities by offering quality facilities, programs, and events to meet the needs of all New Yorkers.

Parks & Recreation is the steward of more than 29,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — including more than 4,000 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 four major stadia, 550 tennis courts, 54 public pools, 48 recreational facilities, 17 nature centers, 13 golf courses, and 14 miles of beaches; we care for 1,200 monuments and 22 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 Easter Eggstravaganza, the Great Halloween Party, the Bocce and Beach Volleyball Tournaments, and Green-Up Day. 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

Parks' Capital Projects Division, created in 1934 by Robert Moses, the City's first Parks Commissioner, is credited with redesigning and rebuilding the agency's more than 1700 sites throughout the City. In addition to parks and playgrounds, this includes bike paths, sea walls, outdoor pools, boardwalks, basketball courts, roller hockey rinks, baseball fields, and natural areas. The City of New York is committed to achieving excellence in the design and construction of its capital program, and building on the tradition of innovation.

POSITION TITLE

Specifications & Estimating Intern.

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Interns will aid section with research and testing of new and existing synthetic turf athletic fields. They will use testing equipment to test G-max results of synthetic turf fields throughout the 5 boroughs of New York City. They will document condition of synthetic fields and analyze specific details that have performed well (or not). Interns will also document repairs that may be performed under warrantee. In addition, they will research the latest developments in synthetic turf technology and make recommendations on improvement of Parks specifications and details. They will also update existing database with details of all synthetic turf fields installed in NYC Parks. Finally, they may be assigned to other research projects and some AutoCAD drawing/drafting.

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QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

Applicants for this position should have an Engineering or Landscape Architecture background and be able to lift and carry testing equipment. They should enjoy working outdoors. Computer knowledge-Word and Excel. College level student with a major in Engineering or related field preferred. Basic knowledge of sports helpful, but not required. Valid drivers license.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Send your cover letter and resume to Leslie Nusblatt see email address above.

SALARY RANGE

Unpaid and/or school credit depending on school requirements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / COMMENTS