

BAT CONSERVATION INTERNSHIP

Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division

The Nongame Conservation Section is offering 2 full-time internships for summer 2009. These internships will focus primarily on roost searching for Rafinesque's Big-eared Bats (*Corynorhinus rafinesquii*) and Southeastern Myotis (*Myotis austroriparius*) in the coastal plain of Georgia. Work will include identifying potential roost habitats, looking into hollow trees for bats, searching for roosts in man-made structures and data entry. Some mist-netting may also be completed. Interns must be willing to work in a team of two for long days (> 10 hours) under physically challenging conditions (e.g., hot days traveling through swamps) and will frequently be required to travel over-night. Travel to study sites will be by state vehicle. Lodging during the week is primitive and will often include overnights stays in check stations or camping. No weekend lodging will be provided. Individuals with an interest in bat conservation and management are encouraged to apply.

Minimum Qualifications: Applicants must have a valid class C driver's license. Interns should be comfortable working in wet and swampy conditions where encounters with snakes, alligators, etc. are possible. Interns should be in good physical condition and able to endure outdoor work during hot and humid weather. Interns should be comfortable performing some computer-based work assignments and have some knowledge of basic science, ecology and wildlife biology.

Preferred Qualifications: Some experience using a GPS. Preference may be given to individuals that have experience the bat capture and ID techniques.

Duration: May 15th through August 15th. Start and end dates are flexible.

Salary: \$10.49 per hour.

How to apply: Mail a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 2 references to:

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Deadline: Application must be received or postmarked by March 30th