

2024 Land and Water Outreach Internship

Lakes Environmental Association

Applications Due: March 1st or until position is filled.

Project Timeframe: May 28 - August 16, 2024 (12 weeks, start and end dates flexible)

Schedule: 36 hours per week, 12-week seasonal position, 5 days per week (typically M-F with two weekend days per month and occasional evenings)

Location(s): LEA offices and service area (Bridgton, Denmark, Harrison, Naples, Sweden, Waterford)

Compensation: \$14.15/hour, *with a low-cost housing opportunity in Bridgton.*

Description: LEA's mission is to preserve and restore the exceptional water quality of Maine's lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and wetlands and the integrity of their watersheds. The Intern will support LEA by building meaningful connections within the watershed through outreach, educational programs, and partnerships to raise awareness about conservation programs. The intern will work with other staff to hold events and create outreach content related to climate change, nutrient pollution, shoreline protection, stormwater, stream connectivity, the Family Forest Carbon Program, and other conservation programs around the watershed.

Project Tasks: The intern will contribute to social media and ENews about different programs and issues facing the watershed. They will also assist or lead public events at the Maine Lake Science Center on topics relating to climate change, non-point source pollution, stream connectivity, land conservation, sustainable forestry, and some other watershed programs. The position is located in the LEA office on Main Street in Bridgton and will have a public-facing role in welcoming visitors to LEA, answering questions relating to watershed issues, and sharing available resources. As time allows, the internship will include creating a landowner resource page on the LEA website with information about best management practices for shorefront properties with staff help.

Community partners: Outreach will involve other partners of the [Sebago Clean Waters](#) collaborative, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, as well as other local non-profits and municipalities. There will be opportunities to build connections with these organizations and community members. Read [LEA's latest newsletter](#) to learn about what we've been up to.

Qualifications:

- A desire to expand skills and experience in the environmental or conservation field.
- Enrolled in a vocational, college, or graduate program, in a science, education, or communications field.
- Experience and/or coursework in environmental conservation, habitat restoration, or related topics.
- Must hold a valid U.S. driver's license with a clean driving record.
- Experience working independently and as part of a team.
- Effective communication and public speaking skills (in-person, phone, email). Actively listens to others, fosters an open exchange of issues, and is timely with information.
- Experience using software applications (i.e. Google Suite).
- Experience with social media (Facebook, Instagram) and photography or creative skills appreciated.

Please email a resume, cover letter, and contact information for two references to lauren@mainelakes.org

LEA provides equal opportunity for applicants and our employees relating to all terms and conditions of employment without regard to age, color, race, religion, sex, sexual preference, national origin, genetic information, physical or mental disability, or any other protected status. Discrimination based on any of these criteria will not be tolerated. We are an equal opportunity employer.

