

## Teacher-Naturalist Internship

Positions Available in Spring, Summer and Fall 2014

**Application Deadline: February 14, 2014**

**Organization Description:** Ladew Topiary Gardens is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is “to maintain and promote the gardens, house and facilities in keeping with the creative spirit of Harvey S. Ladew for the public benefit and for educational, scientific and cultural pursuits.” Ladew’s grounds cover 250 acres, including formal gardens and an educational trail system through natural habitats including forest, meadows and wetlands.

**Job Description:** Help promote an awareness, understanding and appreciation of the natural world. Teach hands-on, science and environmental education topics to children in Ladew’s school fieldtrip programs, or children in summer nature camps. Program topics include *From Seed to Flower*, *Trees are Terrific*, *Exploring Habitats*, *Signs of Spring*, *Signs of Fall*, *Caterpillars and Butterflies* and more.

### Responsibilities:

- Teach weekday, school environmental education fieldtrip programs and/or summer camps
- Help maintain and organize teaching materials
- Assist and/or teach occasional public programs
- Assist with programs and maintenance associated with butterfly house
- Assist with occasional garden or trail work
- Assist with other duties as needed (i.e. special events, exhibits, etc.)

### Qualifications:

- Individuals 16 years or older pursuing studies in education, biology, environmental science, botany, zoology / invertebrate zoology, or related fields are preferred
- Enthusiasm for and experience in teaching pre-K through high school youth
- Friendly, flexible, creative, self-motivated personality with good communication skills
- Ability to walk for up to two consecutive hours and lift heavy objects up to 30 lbs.

### Time Requirements: spring, summer or fall availability

- 1 or 2 days per week or more, Monday – Friday
- 3-4 hours per day; availability between 8:30am – 2:00pm

### Benefits

- Great career builder for individuals interested in careers in education, environmental education or plant sciences
- Training in natural history, gardening, environmental education and other science topics
- Free admission to Ladew Lecture Series & In the Garden Series

**To Apply:** Mail or email cover letter, resume, and the names and contact info of three references to Education Director, Sheryl Pedrick. [spedrick@ladewgardens.com](mailto:spedrick@ladewgardens.com).