



Butterfly House Internship *(Unpaid)*

Proposed Start Date: May/June 2023

Application Deadline: April 15

Organization Description: Ladew Topiary Gardens is a nonprofit 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, a seasonal, native butterfly house and an educational trail system through natural habitats including forest, meadows and wetlands. ***Ladew Topiary Gardens is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to hiring a diverse and talented workforce.***

BUTTERFLY HOUSE
- AT LADEW -

Butterfly House Description: The butterfly house is a seasonal (open to the public July –October) exhibit providing a close-up, educational experience on the natural history and life cycle of butterflies. It showcases 20+ species of native butterflies and their host and nectar plants. We emphasize the importance plant-animal relationships in nature as well as the creation and protection of native habitats.

Intern Butterfly House Responsibilities:

- Help observe and care for the eggs, caterpillars, chrysalides, and butterflies in the house
- Help plant and care for the host and nectar plants in the house
- Assist with and/or teach educational programs in the butterfly house
- Help supervise and act as butterfly docent during public viewing times
- Assist with meadow and/or trail management
- Assist with school fieldtrips, summer camp, and public programs
- Other duties as needed: i.e., special events, data-entry, community science projects, data collection, etc.

Qualifications:

- Individuals 16 years or older pursuing a career in education, biology, environmental science, botany, zoology, or related fields are preferred.
- Experience and interest in handling insects, invertebrates, plants, and getting hands dirty.
- Enthusiasm for and experience working with the general public.
- Friendly, flexible, creative, self-motivated personality with good communication skills.
- Ability to work in summer heat for several hours at a time & lift objects up to 30 lbs.

Time Requirements:

- Late May through August, with option to begin in April and/or continue through October.
- 2-3 days per week; one Saturday or Sunday per month may be required.
- 3-7 hours per day; availability approximately 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Benefits

- Expand your skillset and gain valuable experience to build a career in environmental science, environmental education, horticulture, invertebrate zoology, entomology, biology, etc.
- Training in natural history, life cycle of butterflies, gardening, and general ecology concepts.
- Work with a local, reputable Non-Profit.

To Apply: Please email a cover letter, resume, and two references to the Butterfly House Manager at sborowy@ladewgardens.com.