

Job Title: Stream Watch Intern
Organization: Kenai Watershed Forum
Location: Soldotna, Alaska with fieldwork throughout the Kenai Peninsula
Compensation: \$14/hour, includes housing and transportation



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Organization and Program Description:

The Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) is an environmental non-profit located in Soldotna, Alaska whose mission is “Working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula”. With seven permanent employees, KWF utilizes a non-adversarial approach, focusing on solutions through high quality research, education, and restoration programs to meet the evolving needs of the region. Stream Watch, KWF’s volunteer-based program founded in 1994, has grown to provide fish habitat conservation and public outreach across the Kenai Peninsula. Stream Watch volunteers monitor popular fishing sites, perform habitat restoration projects, and help to educate the public on local regulations and ecosystems. For more information, visit www.kenaiwatershed.org.

Description and Goals of Assignment:

The Kenai Watershed Forum Stream Watch internship presents excellent experience for young conservation professionals. Interns will gain experience in conserving wild salmon and trout habitats while providing environmental education to the public. The position involves both fieldwork, including manual labor, and computer-based tasks that require communications and graphic design skills. The intern will be an active member of the Stream Watch team and work with full time staff to manage groups of volunteers, conduct habitat conservation duties, develop and implement projects, and perform outreach with the public at popular fishing sites. This position will spend the majority of the time in the field working directly with the public and partners. The rest of the time will include a diverse set of duties from input of program data, helping to draft written content/Advertisements, and projects around the office. The main goal of this position is to increase public involvement in protecting healthy waterways and to provide support to volunteers that make Kenai Watershed Forum such an impactful organization. The intern will play a role in achieving program success and will be given increasing independence throughout the season. Interns will have the opportunity to engage with all of KWF’s programs and events through volunteer, water quality, invasive species, and education programs.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Support the development and implementation of volunteer-based river protection projects in conjunction with land managers and supervisory staff (ex. beach/river clean-ups, educational booths, installation and management of habitat fencing and monofilament collection tubes, trail work, etc)
- Aid in hands-on projects to rebuild and survey vital salmon habitat
- Provide effective on-river peer-to-peer education to anglers to increase awareness of impacts on important salmon habitat, site-specific rules and regulations, and Leave No Trace principles
- Assist with the recruitment, training and support of volunteers to increase program breadth and effectiveness across designated Kenai Peninsula sites
- Monitor, survey, and report on conservation/recreational properties in the local area
- Collaborate with other KWF departments as needed (ex. invasive species survey and removal, water quality and flow monitoring, youth education events)
- Other duties at community events and the KWF office as assigned

Intern Qualifications:

- Excellent professional communication and interpersonal skills
- Interest and ability to effectively work with the general public, preferably with a focus on the angling community
- Willingness and flexibility to work weekends and evenings
- Ability to work outdoors and walk 2+ miles and have the physical skills to perform restoration activities involving lifting (50lbs), bending, digging, working with tools, etc.
- Preferred experience working with volunteers of various backgrounds/ages or experience as a volunteer
- Experience in environmental education, communications, marketing, customer service, restoration ecology and/or natural resource/cultural interpretation is a plus
- Compliance with Kenai Watershed Forum, program, and partner policies and procedures
- Comfort working outside in bear country for multiple hours in varied weather and terrain