

Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies
Spring 2010
Environmental Education Internship
April 5 – May 28

Location: Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies—Mancelona, Michigan—located in the north woods of northwest Lower Michigan

Description

Au Sable Institute is the premier organization providing training in environmental stewardship from a Christian perspective. To learn more about the Institute, please visit our website at www.ausable.org.

Within the context of the Institute's mission an internship in environmental education is offered. The internship provides training in methods of effective communication in outdoor settings. An intern becomes part of the teaching staff in the Institute's kindergarten through grade twelve environmental studies program. Teaching is done primarily during the school day. Weekends are usually free to allow for opportunities of exploration of northern Michigan and honing one's naturalist skills.

Benefits

The internship fulfills one of the requirements for naturalist certification from the Institute. The internship provides an opportunity to gain experience in environmental education and natural and cultural interpretation.

The internship is a wonderful opportunity to explore career options, discover your gifts, and grow spiritually in a small Christian community in a rural setting.

The Institute provides housing and a \$50 per week stipend to cover living expenses.

Qualifications

- B.S. or B.A. preferred in biology, environmental studies, or education.
- Must be enthusiastic, conscientious, and able to build rapport with children.
- The ability to articulate a Christian view of environmental ethics.
- A working knowledge of Scripture.

To Apply

Submit a cover letter introducing yourself and why you feel you are qualified for the internship, a resume, and three letters of reference. You may mail the information to the contact information below or scan and email it to trish@ausable.org.

Contact

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Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies
Environmental Education Internship
Training Syllabus

Christians and the Environment

Foundations of Environmental Education:

- Goals of Environmental Education
- Concepts
- Teaching tools
- Considering the nature of your audience
- The nature of learning—Piaget
- The nature of learning—Kohlberg
- The nature of children
- Principles of interpretation
- Interdisciplinary structure
- Inquiry skills
- Love
- Lesson plan development

Qualities of a naturalist:

- How to hone your naturalist skills

Resources of environmental education

Assessing your gifts

- Myers/Briggs personality test
- Your personality, time management, and team work
- Discovering your passion
- Christian view of vocation

Training to teach Au Sable Institute's K-12 environmental studies curriculum