



## 2024 Delaware River Watershed Fellowship

### Berks Nature

**Start date:** June 3 -7, 2024      **End date:** August 19-23, 2024

**The Delaware River Watershed Fellowship** is a 12-week, paid summer job opportunity designed to introduce young people from local communities to careers in environmental education. Fellows are hired at one of 23 environmental education centers across the Delaware River Watershed. Fellows participate in training sessions to prepare them for a summer of connecting people with nature and informing their local communities about issues affecting the Delaware River, the source of drinking water for 13 million people living in the region.

Berks Nature, a member of the [Alliance for Watershed Education \(AWE\)](#), is seeking to hire a Fellow from Reading PA., to advance their organizational mission of protecting the Delaware River watershed and its waterways through stewardship and community outreach.

**Position Location:** The Nature Place: 575 Saint Bernardine St., Reading, PA 19608

**Compensation:** Fellows are paid \$16.25/hr, 35-40 hours a week over the summer, with a possible 120-hour extension for September 2024 until April 2024.

#### **Duties:**

- Fellows will participate in a 3-day watershed education training at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 12-14.) <http://www.peec.org/>
- Fellows will help their host Center (Berks Nature/The Nature Place) lead programs and activities, whether in-person or virtually, for community members and visitors to their site.
- Fellows will attend virtual webinars as well as in-person meetings with Fellows from other AWE Centers.
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- With guidance from their supervisor and mentors, Fellows will focus their efforts on a specific Capstone Project and present their work at the end-of-program Summit event (August 16).
- Fellows will document their progress by completing a short log report every week.



**The Berks Nature Fellow will specifically:**

- Help with community outreach in the Greater Reading Area
- Develop and lead educational programming in the City of Reading by setting up an interactive table at sites outside of The Nature Place during fairs, community days, and at other outreach opportunities.
- Assist seasonal staff with learning activities and games during the summer Eco-Camp.
- Help produce content for conservation education programs.
- Receive training on water quality monitoring and help with water quality studies.
- Lead students through interactive learning stations during field trips at The Nature Place.
- Be provided opportunities to help connect people to nature, communicate routinely with a public audience, and interact with children of all ages.

**Qualifications and Experience:**

- Age 18+ by June 3, 2024 start date.
- A background in environmental education is not required.
- Spanish speaking is a plus.
- Some travel is required.
- Must be available some evenings and weekends.
- An outgoing personality with the ability to work both independently and in groups.
- Experience with Microsoft.

**Essential dates:**

- June 3-7, 2024: Fellow start date at Berks Nature (*Fellows may arrange with their supervisor to begin any time within the first week of the program.*)
- June 12-14: Required Watershed Stewardship Training (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center. (*Meals, transportation, and accommodations provided.*)
- Early July Regional Meeting #1
- July 30th Regional meeting #2
- August 16 Watershed Fellowship Summit (location to be announced).
- August 23: Last day of Fellowship (Fellows may finish their term of service any time after the August 16 Summit as needed.)

**How to apply:**

Email a resume and cover letter to: [Allison.Mackley@berksnature.org](mailto:Allison.Mackley@berksnature.org)

Supervisor: Michael Griffith

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**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, April 6, 2024

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### **More about Berks Nature**

*Here at Berks Nature, we believe nature is essential to our quality of life.*

*As a 501(c)(3) non-profit conservation organization, Berks Nature has been serving the Berks County community since 1974.*

*Land preservation, water protection, trail management, community gardens, education programs, State of the Environment, Eco-Camp and our valued partnerships are at the center of Berks Nature's work every day.*

### More about the Alliance for Watershed Education

Organized in 2016, the Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River is a regional initiative of twenty-three partnering environmental education centers, funded and supported by the [William Penn Foundation](#). Each of these centers is located along the [Circuit Trail](#) or a major connecting trail, and on waterways throughout the Delaware River Watershed in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

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