

WESTCAVE PRESERVE CONSERVATION INTERNSHIP

Organization:	Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center
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Number of interns desired:	1-2
Dates of Internship:	Open
Number of hours per week:	5-25

Description

The Conservation Internship is for those interested in a "hands-on" experience in conservation and land management. This internship provides the perfect opportunity to build one's skills in sustainable land management, native species identification, and scientifically based data collection using geospatial and/or field research methods. Those interested in geographic information systems (GIS) techniques have the option to develop spatial modeling and map-making skills applicable to ongoing research projects and the needs of Westcave Preserve.

The candidate will have the opportunity to participate in several of the following research projects: endangered species habitat management, dragonfly migration monitoring, water quality testing, seasonal bird counts and surveys, and amphibian surveys. Routine duties of the internship will include assisting with general land management activities, trail maintenance, bird blind maintenance, and opening/closing the visitor center. Other duties will include non-native vegetation removal, conservation related research, and occasionally interacting with visitors at the visitor center or elsewhere on the preserve.

We encourage our interns to pursue their own passions in conservation as well, such as taking on a research project or implementing a program that would be sustainable and beneficial to the preserve.

Direct Supervisors

Amber Ahrns Gosselin, Conservation Director
Traci Foulkes, Conservation Specialist

Availability

Tuesday - Friday, 9:30am – 2:30pm
A specific schedule will be discussed during the interview process.

Preferred Qualifications

A strong interest in natural sciences. Excellent work ethic. Reliable transportation. Ability to work outside in all types of weather, hike one or more miles, lift over 30 pounds and navigate through rough terrain. Interns wanting to utilize GIS must maintain access to GIS software throughout the duration of the internship. GIS/GPS applications and devices will not be provided by the preserve.

Compensation

This is an unpaid internship.

Westcave is located approximately 44 miles from downtown San Marcos and 30 miles from downtown Austin. A reliable form of transportation is a must. The internship work schedule will be determined upon final candidate selection.

For additional information visit www.westcave.org

To apply for this internship please send:
Resume and a brief letter of introduction to
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Questions? Call Traci or Amber
830-825-3174 Preserve Office