



Student Summer Internship Information

Hey Methow Valley High School students! Are you interested in learning more about and protecting the Methow Valley's natural resources? If so, the Methow Conservancy has an opportunity for you! It's a new summer intern program for local high school students.

Current 9th through 11th grade students from the Methow Valley are invited to participate as volunteer interns. A minimum commitment of 20 hours is required, and students may begin as early as June 1, 2012. The internship may be completed in one month or over the course of the summer – a schedule will need to be established with the Methow Conservancy. Interested students should be motivated and able to work independently. **Applications are due by midnight on May 6th and up to three interns will be selected.**

Interns may participate in individual or group projects. Projects will be developed based on the interns' interests and the availability of staff. Some possible project ideas include:

- write articles for the Methow Conservancy print or electronic publications
- create new and different ways for the Methow Conservancy to use their social media sites, including creating short videos
- assist with Methow Conservancy public education and outreach such as the Farmers Market booth, 1st Tuesday programs, natural history workshops or field classes
- assist Methow Conservancy Stewardship staff with field work (monitoring conservation easements, preparing property assessments, etc.)
- maintain and enhance the Methow Conservancy's public garden next to the new pedestrian trail
- prepare and conduct fieldtrips or activities for younger kids such as an activity for the elementary school afterschool program or a summer-time program or class
- a group activity might be a weed-a-thon; a "green" film festival; a coordinated science-fair project; or activities for younger kids

Depending on what activities are chosen, interns will have the opportunity to:

- learn about local plants and ecosystems
- find out what a land trust does, including what Conservation Easements are and why they are an important part of the Methow Valley
- build speaking, writing or other communication skills
- learn about careers in natural resources management
- be featured on the Methow Conservancy website and in E-news
- create lasting educational resources such as videos, small publications, or web documents
- provide input to the Methow Conservancy's public education and outreach work
- participate in a program or project that could be useful on a college application and as an application essay topic
- earn community service hours

Along with the minimum 20 hour commitment, interns will be required to document their experience in the form of a public report, whether it is in writing, photography, video, etc. Students will receive a certificate of completion at the successful end of the internship.



Student Summer Internship Application

Name:

Address:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

Email:

What grade will you be entering in the Fall?:

Emergency contact name, phone, and relationship to applicant:

Parental approval signature:

Please list at least one Methow Conservancy activity on which you might like to work (see list of optional activities or suggest your own)?

Are there any specific things you are hoping to do or learn through this internship?

Please tell us a little bit about yourself and why you would like to be selected for the Methow Conservancy's volunteer internship this summer.

Applications are due by midnight on May 6th, and they may be sent to the Methow Conservancy via mail, email or in person. If you have specific questions prior to applying, contact Mary Kiesau at info@methowconservancy.org or 996-2870. Decisions will be made and applicants will be contacted by May 22nd 2012.