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White River watershed through advocacy, education, and research”*

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Swim Guide Internship SAMPLE COLLECTOR

To apply, complete the online application available at WhiteRiverWaterkeeper.org/SwimGuide and e-mail a copy of your résumé to Jessie Green at jessie@whiteriverwaterkeeper.org. Applications are due April 6th at the latest, though applications will be considered as they are received. Position is unpaid.

Swim Guide is a recreational water quality monitoring and education program where interns collect and analyze water samples from popular swimming holes and distribute them to the public so that they can make safe swimming decisions. Two Sample Collector interns will be chosen for the program to work under White River Waterkeeper. The position only requires you be available on Thursdays (additional opportunities available if desired). The experience is excellent for a public health, chemistry, biology, or environmental science student to demonstrate skills in fieldwork.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Sample Collectors are tasked with collecting a combined total of around 240 samples over the summer from 15 locations. The position involves collecting, managing and properly documenting samples, and delivering them to the lab. The position is demanding and incredibly rewarding. The ideal candidate will have above average attention to detail. No prior knowledge or experience in water quality monitoring is necessary. White River Waterkeeper interns will be required to drive their own vehicle and will be reimbursed for expenses.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Dates: May 10th to August 31st – (start and end dates negotiable).

Every Thursday: Begin sampling between 8 and 9 am. Depending on which route you are on, your commitment will end between 1 and 4 pm.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Strong attention to detail and organization
- Ability to adhere to strict, but simple, Quality Control measures
- Ability to lift and carry cooler of ice, and bend over to collect samples up to 30 times per day
- Willingness to drive their own car up to 400 miles per week to collect samples (mileage is reimbursed at a rate of approximately \$0.54/mile, with mileage typically 200 miles per week).

