

*“Protecting the public health and natural resources of the
White River watershed through advocacy, education, and research”*

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Swim Guide Lead LEAD INTERN

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. One near full-time Lead Intern will be chosen for the project to work under White River Waterkeeper. The experience is a particularly excellent opportunity for a public health, chemistry, biology, or environmental science student who wants to demonstrate skills in leadership and project management with measurable outcomes.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Lead Intern will be tasked with leading the program, under the supervision and direction of Waterkeeper staff. The position involves coordinating sampling teams, performing lab and field work, managing data, conducting research, and distributing results to the public. The position is both demanding and incredibly rewarding. The ideal candidate will possess charisma and leadership skills, and above average attention to detail. No prior knowledge or experience in water quality monitoring is necessary; training will be provided. Two positions are also available for sample collectors who are only needed on Thursdays. You may opt to be considered for both positions with the same application.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (May 10th to August 31st - start and end dates negotiable): Though the position is “full-time,” it has very flexible hours. The schedule below is just an example. Occasional weekends may be required.

Day	Hours	Duties
Monday	3 hours	Prep field equipment. Perform lab maintenance. Update records.
Tuesday	2 hours	Draft social media content.
Wednesday	7 hours	Watershed evaluation.
Thursday	8am-5pm	Perform lab work on approximately 15 samples.
Friday	10am-4pm	Analyze samples, record and distribute results to public.



REQUIREMENTS:

- Strong attention to detail and organization
- Ability to adhere to strict, but simple, Quality Control measures
- Ability to lift and carry cooler full of ice, bend over to collect sample up to 30 times per day, and maintain a steady hand in the lab
- Familiarity with Excel and ability to keep accurate records
- Ability to teach others
- Willingness to drive your own car up to 400 miles per week to collect samples (mileage is reimbursed at a rate of approximately \$0.54/mile, and typical weekly mileage for the Lead Intern will vary from 0 to 200 miles per week)
- Commitment to the goal of improving water quality through citizen science.

