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### **Internship Opportunity: Friends of Rouge Park Engagement Intern**

**Location:** Rouge Park, Detroit, MI

**Organization:** Friends of Rouge Park

**Duration:** May–August 2025, with potential for extension depending on funding

**Hours:** Approx. 20 hours/week, including some evenings and weekends

**Stipend:** \$1200/month

This is a part-time, seasonal internship intended for students or early-career individuals interested in environmental stewardship and community engagement. Interns will receive a total stipend of up to \$4,800, paid in monthly installments based on start date. This is not an employment relationship, and no benefits or wages are provided.

### **About Friends of Rouge Park**

Founded in 2002, Friends of Rouge Park is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection, promotion, and improvement of Detroit's largest park. Through stewardship programs, community partnerships, and inclusive programming, we work to ensure Rouge Park remains a vibrant space for nature, recreation, and community.

### **About the Internship**

As we celebrate Rouge Park's 100th anniversary, we're seeking a passionate, community-minded Engagement Intern to support our seasonal programming. This is a great opportunity for students or emerging professionals interested in environmental conservation, public engagement, or nonprofit work to gain hands-on experience in urban green space stewardship.

### **Internship Responsibilities**

The Engagement Intern will receive guidance and mentorship from our Stewardship Manager and Executive Director while assisting with the following:

- **Volunteer Events:** Support the setup and coordination of regularly scheduled volunteer events, including invasive species removal, tree planting, and trail maintenance.
- **Program Support:** Help organize and implement our Lead Stewardship Training Pilot, including participant outreach and logistics.
- **Centennial Planning:** Assist with preparations and logistics for the Rouge Park Centennial Celebration.
- **Community Engagement:** Represent Friends of Rouge Park at local outreach events to engage schools, community organizations, and park users.
- **General Support:** Assist with other tasks as assigned, including communications and project documentation.

### **What You'll Gain**

- Hands-on experience in environmental education, volunteer management, and nonprofit program coordination.
- Mentorship from experienced professionals in urban conservation and public engagement
- Opportunities to lead components of events and outreach initiatives
- Networking within Detroit's environmental and community development circles

### **Who We're Looking For**

- Enthusiasm for nature, environmental stewardship, and working outdoors
- Interest in nonprofit work, public engagement, or urban park management
- Strong organizational and interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Comfortable working outdoors in various weather conditions
- Experience with Google Workspace and social media platforms a plus
- A valid driver's license and access to reliable transportation

### **To Apply**

Please send your resume, a brief cover letter outlining your interest in the internship, and three professional or academic references to [Lindsay@rougepark.org](mailto:Lindsay@rougepark.org) by May 15, 2025.

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