



Butterfly House/Environmental Education Internship *(Unpaid)*

Proposed Start Date: May/June 2024 **Application Deadline:** April 1st, 2024.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE
- AT LADEW -

Organization Description: Ladew Topiary Gardens is a nonprofit organization whose mission is “to maintain and promote the gardens, house and facilities in keeping with the creative spirit of Harvey S. Ladew for the public benefit and for educational, scientific, and cultural pursuits.” Ladew’s grounds cover 250 acres, including formal gardens, a seasonal, native butterfly house and an educational trail system through natural habitats including forest, meadows and wetlands. ***Ladew Topiary Gardens is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to hiring a diverse and talented workforce.***

Butterfly House Description: The butterfly house is a seasonal (open to the public July through September) exhibit providing a close-up, educational experience on the natural history and life cycle of butterflies. It showcases 20+ species of native butterflies and their host and nectar plants. We emphasize the importance plant-animal relationships in nature as well as the creation and protection of native habitats.

Intern Butterfly House Responsibilities:

- Help observe and care for the eggs, caterpillars, chrysalides, and butterflies in the house.
- Help plant and care for the host and nectar plants in the house.
- Assist with and/or teach educational programs in the butterfly house and other areas of Ladew, including with summer camp and fieldtrips.
- Help supervise and act as butterfly docent during public viewing times.
- Assist with meadow and/or trail maintenance.
- Help prepare materials for camp and other programs.
- Perform other duties as needed: i.e. data-entry, community science projects, etc.

Qualifications:

- Individuals 16 years or older pursuing a career in education, biology, environmental science, botany, zoology, or related fields are preferred.
- Experience and interest in handling insects, invertebrates, plants, and getting hands dirty.
- Enthusiasm for and experience working with the general public.
- Friendly, flexible, creative, self-motivated personality with good communication skills.
- Ability to work in summer heat for several hours at a time & lift objects up to 30 lbs.

Time Requirements:

- Late May through August, with option to continue through September.
- 2-3 days per week; one Saturday or Sunday per month may be required.
- 4-7 hours per day; availability approximately 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Benefits

- Expand your skillset and gain valuable experience to build a career in environmental science, environmental education, horticulture, invertebrate zoology, entomology, biology, etc.
- Training in natural history, life cycle of butterflies, gardening, and general ecology concepts.
- Work with a local, reputable non-profit.

To Apply: Please email a cover letter, resume, and two references to the Butterfly House Manager at sborowy@ladewgardens.com. Applicants will be reviewed on a rolling basis.