



# Practicum Job Description

**Objective:** Provide the opportunity for college students to gain experience in the professional application of their outdoor education knowledge and skills.

**Commitment:**

- 120 hours (Schedule will be determined prior to appointment by student and Boulder staff)

**Opportunities for Final Projects:**

- Conduct a study of natural history or ecology of an organism and community at Boulder Lake
- Develop and present course(s) for BLELC (i.e. Woodland Advisor public program, community programs, K-12 programs, professional development programs)
- Create exhibit/display for use in BLELC programs
- Develop and implement a curriculum or programmatic evaluation
- Write a grant proposal (ready to submit)
- Other – let us hear your ideas!

**Duties:**

- Teach field classes to a variety of audiences (pre-school to adults) as needed
- Assist staff in the development and implementation of outdoor education and recreation programs for all ages
- Weekly Schedule & Program Plan
- Present one seminar for staff (approx ½ hr)
- Complete 1 Teaching evaluations of staff/peer
- Complete 4 Enrichment Summaries (see below)
- BLELC final project proposal
- BLELC final project
- Evaluation & final conference
- Portfolio

**Enrichment:**

Must submit proof of attendance and brief paragraph summarizing enrichment and relevancy to personal studies; attendance counts towards practicum/intern time commitment.

- Hartley Nature Center Adult Night Out
- EE Capacity Building Workshops
- UMD Seminar/Colloquium presentations
- Brewhouse Adventure Night
- Board Meetings
- Other nature center, aquarium, zoo events
- WLSSD tour
- DNR events
- City Board meetings when topics are relevant to environmental issue
- Special guests
- Ride-alongs with city workers in park (grooming, pruning??)
- Field Interpretation classes at UMD (schedule with instructor)