Past EPD Interns

Morongo’s Native American Internship Program started in the Summer of 2007. Since then, many Morongo Tribal Members or Descendants have gone through the program. Interns work side-by-side with each Environmental Specialist, learning about each of the EPD’s programs and pick an area of focus for an individual project.

Questions?—
Contact us with any questions you may have about the Internship Program.

Environmental Protection Department
Native American Preference
College Internship Program

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Native American Preference College Internship Program

Purpose—
To provide an opportunity for Native American college students to explore professional work experience in the Environmental field.

Who May Apply—
Morongo Band of Mission Indians is an equal-opportunity employer. We do, however, give preference to Native Americans, as allowed by federal law.

Determination of Eligibility—
- Have a fundamental concept of natural resources
- Be able to work in both an outside and inside environment
- Be enrolled as a college student
- Be able to pass a background check
- Be able to provide a liability waiver

Provisions—
Upon satisfactory completion students may receive school credit, volunteer hours or a monetary stipend (may be available, depending on the program needs).

Openings—
Internship opportunities depend upon interest and the availability of projects. Contact the Environmental Protection Department for more information.

Environmental Department Programs

Clean Water
- Surface Water Quality Monitoring & Data Management
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment & Management
- Invasive Species Removal

Clean Air
- Air Quality Monitoring & Data Management
- Indoor Air Quality
- Air Quality Index

Pollution Prevention
- Recycling and Source Reduction
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal
- Underground Storage Tank Monitoring

Education and Outreach
- Quarterly Department Newsletter
- Community Events
- Environmental Education K—12

Geographical Information System
- Data collection, analysis and reporting results through the use of GIS.

Environmental Compliance
- Evaluate development projects for adverse effects on the environment.
- Ensure Morongo entities are in compliance with applicable regulations

Student Responsibilities

Time Commitment—
Interns will commit to a schedule and will be expected to arrive promptly and work for the duration of their shift. All scheduled hours will be required to satisfactorily fulfill the internship requirements.

Duties—
Interns will be working on various department programs & providing assistance to one or more projects. Each internship is unique and tasks are determined by department needs & intern interests.
Interns may be asked to:
- Conduct research
- Prepare a written report
- Analyze data
- Work in the field
- Prepare Education Outreach materials
- Conduct Community Outreach activities

Past intern projects:
- Community Firewood Distribution
- Update Morongo’s Emission Inventory
- Recycle Program Coordinator
- Develop Education & Outreach Activities/Materials for all ages
- Develop Morongo Green Enterprise Program
- Climate Change Research