



## **Van Cortlandt Park Summer Water and Trails Crew Internship Application 2018**

**Park Overview** Van Cortlandt Park is the third largest park in New York City at 1,146 acres located in the Northwest Bronx. With miles of hiking trails and one of the last remaining above ground streams in NYC, the Summer Water and Trails Crew has the opportunity to conserve this invaluable green space in New York City with the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park.

**Position Description** Summer Water and Trails Crew Interns are the leading force in maintaining the trails of Van Cortlandt so that Park users can enjoy the trails. Interns not only maintain the trails but take part in collecting data for a water monitoring program of Tibbetts Brook and Van Cortlandt Lake within the Park boundaries and work to improve the stream and lake habitats in the Park through invasive plant removal and trash removal. All interns are required to do physical trail work outdoors in various conditions throughout the summer. Projects are primarily related to trail maintenance, habitat restoration, and water quality monitoring. Training in trail maintenance, tool use, data collection, and ecological processes will be provided to all interns. Other trainings and programs will also be scheduled to provide a variety to the schedule. Open to applicants 14-19 years old.

### **Responsibilities**

- Repair and maintain existing trails within park limits
- Assist in the enhancement of Tibbetts Brook and Van Cortlandt Lake through invasive plant removal and trash removal
- Perform water monitoring study and data collection of Tibbetts Brook and V.C. Lake
- Become familiar with environmental issues, both in NYC and globally
- Work as a team member to complete various ecological tasks

### **Schedule**

- Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00am-3:30pm (1/2 hour lunch)
- Program runs from Monday July 9th- Thursday August 16th
- Interns will be paid hourly on a biweekly basis (\$13/hr)

Please fill out and return this application by email to John Butler at [john@vancortlandt.org](mailto:john@vancortlandt.org) by **Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00PM EST**. Any applications received after this time cannot be considered for this position.

Any questions may be relayed to [john@vancortlandt.org](mailto:john@vancortlandt.org)

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### I. Applicant Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Parent or Guardian Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Education

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Borough: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Free Write

Please answer the next few questions as thoroughly as possible in paragraph form.

A. Describe your interest in joining the Water and Trails Crew. What about the internship appeals to you?

B. Tell us more about yourself. What extracurricular activities, sports, internships, jobs and volunteering have you done in the past or are currently enrolled in?

C. Van Cortlandt Park contains many important ecosystem harboring biodiversity and habitat that is hard to find throughout New York City. Please tell us why you think the park worth putting our time and effort into and how your personal interests coincide with our work in the Park.