Hi John,

I wanted to pass on some info about some opportunities for those in NREM. Where I work right now, Baker Outdoor Learning Center, is hiring summer camp counselors. Their target age is college freshman and this could be a good opportunity for some first time experience. They would get to do a ton of outdoor rec and education related activities.

Another place is Lowry Nature Center. They're hiring for a summer intern right now. They're a public nature center that does a lot of programming and has many education animals including raptors, amphibians, and reptiles.

Eastman Nature Center is also looking for a summer intern. I'm not familiar with their site, but I know they're good people. They also do plenty of programs and have some ed animals.

All these places are part of Three Rivers Park District. An organization with many sites around the metro area, it's a huge organization up here. They have a public job board that students and future graduates can check out. The positions I mentioned are on a continuous closing date, so they'll stay open as long as they're still looking. Here's a link to the job board:

Three Rivers Park District Job Board

There's a lot to sort though on there because that's where they post all their job openings from seasonal to permanent. But the students will want to look for things like "summer intern" or "camp counselor" in the title. To be frank, there's so much to Three Rivers and what they do, I could give a whole lecture about them and still have more to say.

On a completely different note. Wood Lake Nature Center also hires a summer intern every year. They're in Richfield, MN and that's where I've spent my last two summers. That is also a fantastic place for an NREM student to get experience. They would help run day camps, do projects in the park, visit other places that do similar work, and work with a fun staff. Here's a link to their job posting:

Wood Lake Nature Center Intern

I would love to see more NREM presence here in Minnesota. I just know these places are great and if the students are able, would have great summers up here. I know housing for the summer would be the biggest hold back, so that will limit a lot of them. But extremely worth it for those that can pull it off. A background in NREM is what got me where I am today, it will take them places, too, if they're willing to try.

Let me know if there's anything I can do to help.
Best,
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