



2026 Delaware River Watershed Fellowship at NJ Natural Lands Trust

Start date: June 1-10, 2026 **End date:** August 14-21, 2026

The Delaware River Watershed Fellowship is a 12 week, paid summer job opportunity designed to introduce young people from local communities to careers in environmental education. Fellows are hired at one of 20 environmental education centers across the Delaware River Watershed. Fellows participate in training sessions to help prepare them for a summer of helping people connect with nature and informing their local communities about issues affecting the Delaware River, the source of drinking water for 15 million people living in the region.

NJ Natural Lands Trust (NJNLT), a member of the [Alliance for Watershed Education \(AWE\)](#), is seeking to hire a Fellow from Camden, or the surrounding area, to help connect with local community members around protecting the Delaware River and its waterways.

Position Location: The Fellow will be based at the Center for Aquatic Sciences (the Center), located inside of Adventure Aquarium at 1 Riverside Dr, Camden, NJ 08103, and most of their time will be spent at the Center and various parts of Camden along the river.

Compensation: Fellows are paid \$16.50 /hr, 35-40 hours a week over the summer.

AWE Duties:

- Fellows will participate in a 3 day watershed education training, at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 10-12.) <http://www.peec.org/>
- Fellows will help their host Center lead programs and activities, whether in-person or virtually, for community members and visitors to their site.
- Fellows will attend in-person meetings with Fellows from other AWE Centers (second week in July there will be regional meetings with TBD locations, and one All-region meeting on July 31 at Berks Nature Center)
- With guidance from their supervisor, Fellows will focus their efforts on a specific Capstone Project and present their work at the end-of-program Summit event (August 14).
- Fellows will document their progress by completing a short log report every other week.



Center Duties:

- Engage targeted communities in Camden and on Petty's Island through education, recreation and civic engagement.
- Engage residents in watershed and environmental education outdoor activities both virtually and in-person, including on-water kayak and fishing programs, along the Camden Waterfront and surrounding neighborhood communities.
- Collaborate with staff to research, design and implement virtual and in-person programs for the public that focus on both wildlife and watershed protection.
- Interact with trail users through roving naturalist activities, providing information on upcoming events, collecting evaluation data on best practices for engaging the public, and participating in lessons and field trips for Camden City youth during summer.
- Assist with site and equipment maintenance
- Assist with office tasks as needed.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Age 18+ by June 2, 2026 start date.
- A background in environmental education is not required.
- Must be people oriented, work well with others, and professionally represent CAS and the Alliance for Watershed Education.
- Must have a positive attitude, willing to learn new things while working in a dynamic and flexible environment.
- Should be comfortable interacting with other people with a commitment to cultural diversity.
- Interest in learning video editing, social media, or art design are also a plus.
- Must be flexible to work evenings and weekend hours.
- Valid state driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle or proficiency with public transportation required.
- Must be able to lift 50lbs and be comfortable standing for long periods of time.
- Spanish speaking candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Essential dates:

- June 1, 2026: Fellow start date at The Center for Aquatic Sciences (*Fellows may arrange with their Supervisor to begin any time within the first week of the program.*)
- June 10-12: Fellowship Orientation (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center. (*Meals, transportation and accommodations provided.*)
- July 6: Combined Region 1&2 meeting (location TBD)
- July 7: Region 3 meeting (location TBD)
- July 31: All-region meeting (at Berks Nature Center in Reading, PA)
- August 14: Watershed Fellowship Summit (will be held at The Discovery Center in Philadelphia, PA).



– August 21: Last day of Fellowship (Fellows may finish their term of service any time after the August 14 Summit as needed.)

How to apply:

Email a resume and cover letter to the Assistant Manager of Community Programs, Bill Plianthos, at wplianthos@aquaticsciences.org. Include “AWE Fellow for Center for Aquatic Sciences” in the email subject line.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 22, 2026

More about NJ Natural Lands Trust at Petty’s Island

NJ Natural Lands Trust’s Petty’s Island is a unique natural setting within a heavily industrialized area that currently houses operation for CITGO Petroleum Corporation. Once fully restored, the Island will provide amazing opportunities to learn about the area’s natural diversity and history.

More about the Alliance for Watershed Education

Organized in 2016, the Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River is a regional initiative of twenty partnering environmental education centers. Each of these centers is located along the [Circuit Trail](#) or a major connecting trail, and on waterways throughout the Delaware River Watershed in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.