CU-Boulder Internship Opportunity Form

Organization:  City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP)

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Contact People: 1.) Will Keeley (Wildlife Ecologist); 2.) Rick Hatfield (Ranger/Naturalist)

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Number of interns requested for spring/summer:  One (see below)

Nature of project(s) and skills required:
OSMP would like to offer a raptor monitoring internship with the CU Environmental Studies and EBIO Programs.  OSMP manages site-specific closures to protect cliff-nesting raptors (i.e., Peregrine Falcon, Prairie Falcon, Golden Eagle) as well as grassland raptors (i.e., Bald Eagles, Osprey) during the breeding season.  The closure program began in 1984 and it is now used by other land-management agencies in the United States to protect nesting raptors.

The successful candidate will assist with all aspects of OSMP’s raptor monitoring program, including but not limited to: raptor nest-site observations during the breeding season; collecting, entering, and performing quality control on volunteer-collected data pertaining to raptor nesting status; working with volunteer raptor monitors (this program has a large volunteer contingency); surveying new sites for raptor breeding activity; and public education and outreach projects. An end-of-the-year presentation will be required as part of this internship. The student may select the subject matter, with help from OSMP staff.

Raptor breeding season begins in February/March and the young are usually independent by mid July.  OSMP holds volunteer training in late January; the training is followed by visits to monitoring sites in early February. The successful candidate should be able to attend orientation dates and, ideally, commit to participating in the program thru the nesting period (3/1 – 7/31).  To satisfy the internship requirements, ~10 hours per week from mid January to early May must be completed. This equates to about 6 hrs monitoring raptor activity and 4 hours entering data, depending on time of year. If the student chooses to stay through July, we can provide a modest stipend ($500-1000), depending on assistance provided. We are looking for one intern in spring/summer 2015.  Ideally, interviews will be held prior to 2015. Please contact Will Keeley ASAP if interested.

The successful candidate will show excellent attention to detail, an interest/background in avian ecology, and the desire to interact with the public. In order to reach monitoring sites, the successful candidate must be able to hike alone over rough terrain for an extended period. Knowledge of Microsoft Office will be required to enter and organize data and produce an end of the year presentation.

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING: December 15th or until filled

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