CPCG Domestic Partnership Summer Internships:

High Rocks Summer Program for Teen Girls

Overview: High Rocks Summer Program for Teen Girls is an award-winning leadership development program based in Pocahontas County, West Virginia that has been creating opportunities for transformative education and service learning for more than 16 years. The High Rocks mission is to educate, empower, and inspire young women in West Virginia.

“I feel confident as a role model and a teacher. I’m inspired by the passion and exuberance that everyone connected to HR shares. Seeing this passion has given me faith in the world. Amazing people do exist in places accessible to me!” -2012 High Rocks Intern

The internship has two main components—seminars and projects, and hands-on experience working with teen girls. This two-part approach is designed to deepen the experiences of the summer interns so that they leave High Rocks with theoretical as well as practical knowledge about West Virginia, the challenges facing girls, ethical social change, and effective citizenship.
Duties: The majority of the internship is hands-on, hearts-on work with youth. Interns receive experiential education as apprentice teachers and facilitators, working with High Rocks staff to design and carry-out innovative curricula for teens. Interns support staff in summer programs, serving as role models and teachers during two camps for girls ages 12 to 18. In previous years interns co-taught courses in math, science, entrepreneurship, spirituality, the history of social movements, filmmaking, local food systems, women’s history and construction. Interns may also have the opportunity to work with Junior Counselors, help coordinate camp logistics, or cook in the kitchen.

In addition, interns engage in a series of seminars at the beginning of the summer on community development, social justice, Appalachian history, and education. These sessions help set context for their service work and open a space where interns can ask hard questions about the heritage and future of Appalachia and form their own opinions, ideas, and solutions. Interns also work together on a group project designed to leave their mark at the High Rocks, and complete an individual project connecting their experiences at High Rocks with their own academic and personal expertise.

CPGC’s Internship Program: The CPGC internship program includes a social justice retreat, and enrollment in a course upon students’ return to campus. This course requirement will help students integrate their experience into political, historical and cultural contexts. Students may choose from a menu of courses offered by CPGC, or propose another course that relates more to the internship.

Stipend: CPGC will cover costs, including travel to and from High Rocks from home or U.S. airport, local transportation, food, and summer earnings expectation for students who receive financial aid. Housing is provided by High Rocks.
Eligibility and Application Information: This opportunity is open to rising Haverford sophomores, juniors and seniors and funded by CPGC. One or two interns will be selected. Interested Bryn Mawr students should contact Janice Lion about opportunities (but are not eligible for CPGC funding). Applications are available: http://cpgc-apply.haverford.edu/

Important Dates:

- February 7, 2016: applications due
  - Faculty recommendations are due February 7, with a one-week grace period.
- June 5, 2016–August 16, 2016: Duration of the internship

For More Information: Visit www.highrocks.org, email Rashni Stanford, domestic internship coordinator at rstanford@haverford.edu, or talk with past Haverford interns:

- Ruthie Cartwright ’15, Dana Duncombe ’17 (2014)
- Maddy Durante ’16 (2013)