



# PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

## SOUTHCENTRAL REGION

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## Summer Internship Program - 2025 Forestry

Are you excited to begin a career in conservation but need more field training and experience? If so, the Pennsylvania Game Commission's summer internship program is designed for you!

The Pennsylvania Game Commission, Southcentral Region seeks hard-working, highly motivated students eager to develop their conservation knowledge and skills while experiencing all the agency has to offer. The primary purpose of this position is to provide college level students with an opportunity to gain practical experience and develop their professional skills related to wildlife habitat management. These internships are highly competitive because they provide invaluable on-the-job experience for those interested in pursuing environmental careers.

Our goal is to mentor and recruit the next generation of conservation professionals. As an intern, you will explore career and agency opportunities, gaining an inside look into your future. You will develop specialized skill sets through hands-on application while being mentored by professionals within your field of study. You will collaborate with other conservationists and participate in agency meetings, forming relationships you can build on in the future. Prior to the last day of your internship, you will participate in a final evaluation where you will provide and receive feedback and have questions answered. On or about the last day of your internship you will provide the region with a presentation of your internship and your accomplishments.

**Reporting Location:** Pennsylvania Game Commission  
Southcentral Region: 12 counties in Central Pennsylvania  
8627 William Penn Highway  
Huntingdon, PA 16652

**Position Details:** Title: Engineering, Scientific & Technical Intern  
(2 positions)  
\$17.00/hour; 40 hours/week  
Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (subject to change)  
Maximum of 749 hours per calendar year  
Anticipated start date: May 12, 2025\*  
Anticipated end date: August 22, 2025\*

\*These dates are subject to change due to student availability before/after these dates



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### Description of Work:

Interns will assist the Southcentral Region forestry staff with the development, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of activities designed to manage, protect, and enhance forest resources on State Game Lands within the Southcentral Region of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Duties may include marking and surveying boundary on wildlife habitat improvement projects, marking timber and determining volumes, marking reserve trees, collecting stand data, assisting with the chemical control of undesirable plants in forest stands, collecting State Game Lands data for input into the GIS database, assisting with prescribed fire activities, and other tasks related to forest wildlife habitat management. All common forestry tools will be utilized in the completion of assigned work.

### Job Requirements and Qualifications:

- **Must be able to identify, utilizing all tree characteristics, all tree species common to Pennsylvania. Applicants will be required to accurately identify trees in the field as part of the interview process.**
- Work will be outdoors and involve traversing uneven terrain in all weather conditions.
- Valid driver's license.
- Preferred candidates will have college level course work or experience in the field of wildlife, forestry, or natural resource management.
- **Must** be enrolled full time ( $\geq 12$  credits) in a Bachelor's or Associate's degree in a science, technical, or engineering program such as wildlife/fisheries science, biology, natural resource management, ecology, forestry, botany, or related field.
- A graduating high school student who is 18 and enrolled in college for the fall semester is eligible.
- **Must** be returning to a college or university, full time ( $\geq 12$  credits), in the Fall 2025.
- Self-motivated and able to follow verbal and written instructions.
- Good interpersonal skills and works well in a team environment.
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing and interact with Game Commission personnel and the public in a professional manner.
- Supportive of PGC's mission to manage and protect wildlife and their habitats while promoting hunting and trapping for current and future generations.
- Adhere to rules and recommendations regarding personal protective equipment and hand/power tools per agency directive or as directed by supervisor.
- Proficient in the use of computers (Microsoft Office Platform), smart devices, and GPS units.



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### To Apply:

Applicants must provide a resume, proof of current college enrollment (high school students must provide proof of college enrollment), and proof of fall enrollment must be provided prior to commencement of internship.

All documents must be received via email to Regional Forester, Roy Bucher. Subject Line: "Forestry Internship 2025."

All resumes and information must be received by February 16, 2025. No late applications will be accepted.

### Questions:

Mr. Roy Bucher, Regional Forester: [rbucher@pa.gov](mailto:rbucher@pa.gov).