ODNR Mission Statement: To ensure a balance between the wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all.

Day-to-day Activities
Every day was different, which made it fun!
Most of my days consisted of:
• grading boating license tests
• assisting with law enforcement paperwork
• collaborating with other interns
• attending meetings
• TRAVELING (3-4 days a week)

The interns I worked with this summer - (there were 62 interns across the state, and 7 of us on the same floor!)

I found this posting on Handshake and applied right away (usually posted in October/November and is very competitive)

ODNR Logo – Headquarters is in Columbus, but travel and weekend work is often involved.

ODNR has 11 divisions within the agency! Networking availability is endless and crossing over into other divisions is encouraged!

Canoe Instructor Training at Deer Creek State Park (Mount Sterling, OH)
• 8-hour course where you are taught how to teach the public basic canoe skills (test and presentation involved)

Shadowing the Naturalist at Salt Fork State Park (Cambridge, OH). I think I even spotted Bigfoot in the distance!

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Working The Ohio State Fair and posing with Smokey Bear (our mascot)

We are pictured here with Director Mary Mertz (middle), and one of our state park naturalists holding a great horned owl.

The Ohio State Fair’s Natural Resource park houses many of Ohio’s fossils and trees, including this statute of “Daphne” our state fossil fish (Dunkleosteus)

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