My Internship
This summer I worked as a community engagement intern at Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Peninsula, Ohio. I found this job by searching for jobs in the northeast Ohio area on google. Throughout the summer, I was involved in many different programs with the park like:
• Helping organize GGG (get up, get out, and go) programs.
• Running pop-up tables around the park to interact with visitors.
• Planning different pop-up themes for next year (ex. the 2024 eclipse).

Duties as an Intern
Throughout this internship I performed many different tasks that my managers assigned. For example:
• Help navigate visitors in the park visitor center and guide them where to go around the park.
• Guide groups of visitors (both children and adults) and teach about the aspects of the park.
• Be assigned miscellaneous tasks throughout the office to help keep the park running.

Skills Learned and Gained
While performing my many tasks as an intern I learned many new skills that will help me in the future:
• I was able to work on my professionalism when talking with people and how to properly present myself at work.
• Through an operational leadership program during training, I acquired certain goal-oriented and leadership aspects in the workplace.
• From daily debriefs, I was able to learn how to give productive feedback to coworkers and managers daily.

Conclusions
Overall, this internship was a great introduction into the workforce and was a great example of how a workplace operates as well. While I do hope to achieve a job in sustainability, I don’t think a career at the National Parks is in my future, but it was still a great experience to have. I would recommend this job to other students as long as they’re fine with being unpaid.

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