BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION

I worked full-time as the Historical Resources Intern for The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) over Summer break of 2022 and I am currently working as a part-time Intern for the remainder of the 22/23 school year.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is a huge state agency. They currently manage 76 state parks, 24 state forests, 140 state nature preserves, and 150 wildlife areas.

ODNR's Mission Statement is—

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

JOB DUTIES

- Photographing historical artifacts at Ohio's State Parks, Forests, and Nature Preserves.
- Editing and uploading the pictures into CatalogIt.
- Writing interpretive historical descriptions for each artifact.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Making professional connections
- Showing strong management skills in scheduling site visits, preparing equipment, and coordinating with ODNR property managers and other interns.
- Taking feedback constructively and applying suggestions to my work.

REFLECTION

This experience relates to my future aspirations because the Ohio Department of Natural Resources manages and protects Ohio's resources.

Broadly, I want a job that I care deeply about, and I want to spend my days helping our planet and the people living on it.

Moving forward, I keep doing what I am doing, continuing to learn and making connections.

I may stay at ODNR if they will have me. It is a great place to work and grow. I would love to explore positions in different divisions to find the best fit for me and this agency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

ODNR employs the best of the best. The hiring process can feel very slow but don’t give up. The staff is amazing. The opportunities are endless.

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