

Columbus City Schools Initiative Coordinator Internship

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CSI interns building a covered bridge



CSI interns picking up litter at High Banks



CSI PROGRAM GOALS

- Provide underserved youth with job experience in environmental careers
- Provide positive exposure of the outdoors to students
- Help high school students gain hard and soft skills such as time management and operating equipment
- Provide a potential career post high school graduation for interns who have been through the program

ON THE JOB

- First four weeks of internship involved program planning, scheduling with parks, interviewing, and completing hiring paperwork for high school students
- Provided transportation for high school interns for entirety of program
- Managed interns during the workday
- Performed park maintenance and camp counseling tasks
- Operated equipment/machinery such as utility vehicles
- Worked in the office to keep up with program logistics



Resource management project at Quarry Trails



Final day rock climbing at Scioto Audubon



REFLECTION

- I highly recommend this internship to any student who is passionate about Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion work involving youth and outdoor opportunities
- As an EEDS student with a specialization in Community Development, this internship felt relevant because it concerned connecting communities with job opportunities and creating healthy relationships between the public & nature in urban settings
- This internship was a heavy commitment due to the 40+ hour week, many hours of driving daily, managing high school interns, and doing physically intensive labor
- I had the opportunity to experience several different job positions including park technician, camp counselor, and resource management
- The best part was the relationships I built with the high school interns and my coworkers