Ecology Project International (EPI) is hiring two field instructors to mentor and deliver academic content for 12 Bitterroot Wildlife Internship program high school interns this summer.

EPI is an international non-profit organization dedicated to addressing critical conservation issues through field-based partnerships between local experts and high school students. We engage adolescent youth from local communities and visiting youth from other regions in applied hands-on science and conservation as they learn about and help protect threatened species and habitats. More information can be found at www.ecologyproject.org

The Bitterroot Wildlife Internship (BWI) program is a partnership between Ecology Project International (EPI) and MPG Ranch to offer a unique experience for high school and early college students that combines ecological education, conservation service, and hands-on field research at the MPG Ranch in Florence, Montana from June-August. Each month-long intern session will be comprised of six interns. Interns will be paired with MPG researchers to engage in ongoing research projects and complete their own related research question. EPI has offered the Bitterroot Wildlife Internship program in conjunction with MPG Ranch since 2014.

Bitterroot Wildlife Internship Program instructors will spend Sunday afternoon-Thursday of each week at the ranch leading interns in completing conservation service projects (approximately 10hrs/week), conducting ecological research (approximately 16hrs/week), and learning about the Bitterroot Valley’s ecosystem (approximately 6 hrs/week). At night the group will camp out under the stars. Conservation projects on the ranch might include weed and fence removal, sage brush thinning, and seed gathering. Potential research involvement includes avian, soil, plant, ungulate, insect, and carnivore projects. Other activities instructors will provide to interns during this internship include building Leave No Trace awareness, guiding wildlife observation, and providing journaling prompts.

A complete job announcement is available at http://www.ecologyproject.org/about/jobs. Applications will be accepted through March 15th here: https://ecologyproject.submittable.com/submit/40033

This position is based in Missoula, Montana. Instructors must provide their own housing when they are not in the field with students.

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