



Swim Guide Intern Lead Intern



To apply, complete [the online application available at CoosaRiver.org/SwimGuide](http://CoosaRiver.org/SwimGuide) and e-mail a copy of your résumé to Justinn Overton at justinn@coosariver.org. Applications due March 19th at the latest, though applications may be considered as they are received. Position is unpaid.

Swim Guide is a recreational water quality monitoring and education program where interns collect and analyze water samples from popular swimming holes and distribute them to the public so that they can make safe swimming decisions. One full-time Lead Intern will be chosen for the program. The experience is particularly excellent opportunity for a public health, chemistry, biology, or environmental science student who wants to demonstrate skills in leadership and project management with measurable outcomes.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Lead Intern will be tasked with leading the program, under the supervision and direction of the Coosa Riverkeeper staff. The position involves coordinating four sampling teams, performing lab and field work, managing data, conducting research, and distributing results to the public. The position is both demanding and incredibly rewarding. The ideal candidate will possess charisma and leadership skills, and an above average attention to detail. No prior knowledge or experience in water quality monitoring is necessary; training will be provided.

Five positions are also available for sample collectors who are only needed on Thursdays. You may opt to be considered for both positions with the same application.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (April 20th to September 1st - start and end dates negotiable):

Though the position is "full-time," it has very flexible hours. The schedule below is just an example.

Day	Hours	Duties
Monday	4 hours	Prep field equipment. Perform lab maintenance. Work on outreach materials.
Tuesday	9am-5pm	Collect and analyze samples.
Wednesday	4 hours	Analyze samples, record and distribute results. Prep field equipment.
Thursday	11am-5pm	Perform lab work on approximately 40 samples.
Friday	10am-3pm	Analyze samples, record and distribute results to public.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Strong attention to detail and organization
- Ability to adhere to strict, but simple, Quality Control measures
- Ability to lift and carry cooler full of ice, bend over to collect sample up to 30 times per day, and maintain a steady hand in the lab
- Familiarity with Excel and ability to keep accurate records
- Ability to teach others
- Willingness to drive your own car up to 400 miles per week to collect samples (mileage is reimbursed at a rate of approximately \$0.54/mile, and typical weekly mileage for the Lead Intern will vary from 0 to 200 miles per week)
- Commitment to the goal of improving water quality through citizen science