



Swim Guide Intern: Sample Collector



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 quality samples from popular swimming holes and distribute them to the public so that they can make safe swimming decisions. Five Sample Collectors interns will be chosen for the program. The position only *requires* you be available on Thursdays (additional opportunities available if desired). Past Sample Collection interns have paired this position with outside employment. The experience is excellent for a public health, chemistry, biology, or environmental science student to demonstrate skills in field work.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Sample Collectors are tasked with collecting a combined total of around 900 samples over the summer from approximately 50 locations. The position involves driving ones own vehicle (mileage reimbursed), managing and properly documenting samples, and delivering them to the lab. The position is demanding and incredibly rewarding. The ideal candidate will have an above average attention to detail. No prior knowledge or experience in water quality monitoring is necessary.

A full-time position is also available for Lead Intern of the program and involves managing the program and performing lab work. You may apply for both positions with one application.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Dates: April 20th through August 31st (start and end dates negotiable)

Every Thursday: Begin sampling between 8 and 9am. Depending on which route you are on, your commitment will end between noon and 4pm.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Strong attention to detail and organization
- Ability to adhere to strict, but simple, Quality Control measures
- Ability to lift and carry cooler of ice, and bend over to collect samples up to 30 times per day
- Willingness to drive their own car up to 400 miles per week to collect samples (mileage is reimbursed at a rate of approximately \$0.54/mile and weekly mileage typically be 200 miles per week)