



Community Conservation Intern

ARPF Mission: The American River Parkway Foundation (ARPF) leads and inspires the community to conserve and nurture the American River Parkway as a unique, accessible resource for everyone to enjoy.

Role Summary

A typical day involves meeting at the American River Parkway Foundation's Office (5700 Arden Way Carmichael, CA 95608) where interns split their time between fieldwork and public-facing programming. Interns will gain practical field skills, event planning and volunteer coordination experience as well as exposure to professional restoration and data collection projects. This is an **unpaid internship** with a minimum of 90 hours over 8-16 weeks or academic credit requirements. This role reports to the Natural Resource Manager. Typical hours are scheduled between Tuesday – Friday, 8:30am-4:30 pm and some Saturdays.

Task

- Support habitat restoration projects, including native grassland restoration and native plant garden maintenance.
- Assist with planning and delivering youth, family, and community activities that connect the public to the Parkway through recreation, education, and community engagement.
- Participate in major ARPF events, including **GARCU** on September 19th, 2026, and **Run the Parkway** on November 8th, 2026.
- Support and help coordinate volunteers across restoration workdays and community programs, leading at least one volunteer day a month.
- Help create social media content that highlights conservation projects, volunteer efforts, Parkway CONNECT programming, and other community engagement activities.
- Maintain tools and assist with general trail maintenance/upkeep
- Assist with hub activities and provide support across all departments as needed, gaining exposure to a variety of nonprofit operations.

Skills Gained

- Restoration and native plant management
- GPS data collection and field monitoring
- Recreation and community program planning, coordination, and evaluation
- Event logistics and volunteer coordination/leadership
- Flora and fauna identification
- Environmental and outdoor education

Qualifications

- Interest in Environmental Science, Natural Resources, Recreation, Education, or Communications
- Comfortable working outdoors in varied conditions, including hiking with equipment
- Friendly, reliable communicator who enjoys engaging with the public
- Organized, dependable, safety-minded, and eager to learn

How to Apply

Email ajulien@arpf.org with the subject line “Community Conservation Intern – [Your Name]” and include:

- A short statement of interest
- Your résumé
- Your school/major and desired term