INTERNSHIP PROFILE:
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Conservation Biology Intern at Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Rhinelander, WI

What were your primary responsibilities?
Track wood turtles and record locations using telemetry, replace GPS bugs on the turtles, locate wood turtle nests and move them if needed, create wood turtle nesting habitat.

How did you find out about this internship?
The DNR website. I was hired through the Summer Affirmative Action Internship Program.

What were the most rewarding aspects of your experience?
I did most of my work independently and it was great to have that kind of trust and responsibility. I learned a lot about problem solving quickly and being creative with forest navigation to reach the turtles. The most rewarding part was knowing that my hard work paid off at the end of the day.

What advice would you give students who are considering an internship?
Keep your mind open to opportunities, even if something seems like it might be out of your skill range and you feel unqualified, apply anyways. If you do get rejected for a position don't be too discouraged, there are tons of internships out there and chances are, you're going to find one that fits your interests.

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