

**Organization**: Texas Conservation Alliance, state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation

**Position:** East Texas Conservation Intern

Job Type: 10-week Internship

**Target hire date:** February 14, 2025

Start date: February 24, 2025

**End date:** May 3, 2025

**Schedule:** 15 hours per week, including occasional weekends

Work Location: Projects are conducted in the Lufkin/Nacogdoches area and are paired with required online

check-ins (Mondays, 12 pm – 1 pm), reporting, and intern cohort collaboration

Stipend: TCA is pleased to provide an internship stipend of \$1000/semester (\$200 distributed bi-weekly)

### **About Texas Conservation Alliance**

For over 50 years Texas Conservation Alliance (TCA) has advocated for wildlife and their habitats since 1971. TCA educates Texans and builds alliances to enhance and sustain wildlife habitat and to protect our land, air, and water for future generations. TCA has built public support to establish numerous wildlife refuges, state and federal parks, wilderness areas, and other wildlife areas, resulting in more than 250,000 Texas acres protected. TCA has recruited thousands of Texans to active conservation and advocacy through grassroots coalitions and community-driven, hands-on habitat restoration programs that welcome all communities into conservation and promote stewardship for Texas' wildlife and wild places.

### **General Summary**

Texas Conservation Alliance (TCA) is seeking interns who are passionate about protecting Texas wildlife and their habitats. TCA's Careers in Conservation Internship Program helps train future conservation leaders of Texas. Participants work alongside TCA's seasoned conservation professionals and experience the frontlines of saving wildlife and their habitats in the state. Internship projects vary, but the opportunity to develop technical acumen, exercise transferable skills, and cultivate conservation leadership is integral to every TCA experience.

Selected candidates will work with TCA staff to implement wildlife conservation projects. The 10-week internship offers opportunities to make positive impacts on wildlife and provides valuable, hands-on learning experiences and professional development opportunities applicable to future careers in sustainability and conservation.

### **Potential Projects:**

### **Organize wildlife habitat restoration events:**

Restoring degraded wildlife habitat is critical to the conservation of species. Interns will research opportunities, build community partnerships, and coordinate event logistics. Potential projects include litter pollution removal from Texas waterways, planting native plants, removing invasive species, and reforestation through community tree-planting events.

- Research conservation opportunities, build community partnerships, and coordinate event logistics.
- Promote community engagement in wildlife conservation through events, presentations, and social media.

- Build partnerships with other organizations to deliver collaborative conservation initiatives
- Coordinate all aspects of volunteer events, including marketing, logistics, communication, and documentation, with assistance from mentors and TCA staff

# **Boost public engagement with EastTexasOutdoors.org**

Increase awareness and engagement with the East Texas Outdoors website by leveraging digital platforms, fostering community involvement, and organizing recreational and environmentally focused events that showcase the region's natural beauty and outdoor opportunities.

- Promote the website on social media platforms.
- Distribute promotional materials such as flyers, rack cards, and posters.
- Organize and lead outdoor events at featured locations from the website. Examples of activities: Hiking and biking tours, paddling adventures, and birdwatching.

## **Physical Abilities and Work Environment**

- Ability to work outdoors for long periods of time.
- Occasionally required to lift and move items up to 25 pounds.

### Requirements

- Availability and internet access for weekly update meetings, every Monday from 12 pm 1 pm (meetings extend to 1:30 pm during professional development sessions)
- Must have a reliable form of transportation
- At least 18 years of age
- Eligible to work in the United States

## To Apply

Candidates <u>must</u> complete steps 1 and 2 to be considered.

- 1. Please download and fill out the application on the internship page of the TCA website: <a href="https://www.tcatexas.org/internships">https://www.tcatexas.org/internships</a>
- 2. Email your application, resume, and cover letter to Jose@tcatexas.org.

## Deadline to submit: Friday, January 30, 2025, at 5 pm

Texas Conservation Alliance is firmly committed to inclusion, diversity, and equity as core tenets of the organization, where everyone is respected and valued regardless of race, creed, ancestry, marital status, veteran status, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or national origin. Individuals from underrepresented backgrounds who do not meet all qualifications are encouraged to apply.