



Fish Creek Falls Summer Internship 2026

Yampatika is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire environmental stewardship through education. Yampatika is an equal-opportunity employer and a permittee of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests. Information about Yampatika is available at www.yampatika.org

Yampatika is looking for 2 to 4 Summer Interns to join our Fish Creek Falls Naturalist team. These interns will be responsible for providing high-quality environmental education to up to 11,000 visitors of Fish Creek Falls through our interpretive nature-based table and short guided hike. Interns will be supervised by Yampatika's Adult and Community Programs Manager and may have opportunities to participate in other community programs throughout the season. Interns will be eligible to earn class credit for hours completed.

Responsibilities:

- Research and implement high-quality education programs,
- Lead and/or participate in program development,
- Evaluate program effectiveness and make recommendations on improvement,
- Create interpretive programming for federal public lands,
- Maintain proper care of materials and resources,
- Work in full cooperation with the Yampatika team, including other staff and volunteers,
- Communicate clearly and promptly with your supervisor, particularly when dealing with safety concerns,
- Project a positive image through proper uniform, attitude, and presentation,
- Be available for at least two days Monday - Friday from June 10th - August 3rd, holiday weekend work is required.

Learning Objectives:

- Increase familiarity with Rocky Mountain flora and fauna,
- Develop public speaking and environmental interpretation skills,
- Gain experience creating interpretive lesson plans,
- Network with industry professionals with the US Forest Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, as available,

- Understand the conservation concerns facing vulnerable species in the region,
- Participate in community science partnership efforts with the US Forest Service and Steamboat Ski Resort, as available.

Requirements:

- Strong communication and interpretive skills,
- Ability to stand for up to 5 hours and walk up to two miles on paved/gravel trails,
- Physically able to lift 40 lbs,
- Strong interest and experience in the field of interpretation/environmental education,
- Enthusiasm for and sincere interest in environmental education,
- Willingness to learn about Rocky Mountain ecology and geography,
- Flexibility and willingness to accept new tasks,
- CPR/First Aid certification preferred,
- Passion for Yampatika's mission,
- Current driver's license and safe driving record,
- Reliable transportation to and from Fish Creek Falls and other sites in town as needed.

Compensation:

- Colorado Mountain College students, or concurrently enrolled high school students, can earn up to 3 credits for this internship
- \$15/hr stipend
- Participation in this internship may count towards earning a Seal of Climate Literacy for high school students.

To apply, please fill out this [Google Form](#)

Feel free to reach out with any questions to Hailey at hailey@yampatika.org