

Avon Sustainability Commission

◆ Summer Internship 2026 ◆

A Hands-On Learning Experience at Fisher Meadows Recreation Area



Program Overview



DATES: June 22 - July 31, 2026



LOCATION: Fisher Meadows Recreation Area



FORMAT: In-person sessions, independent study and a community presentation

Spend your summer exploring the ecosystems of Fisher Meadows! Join local experts for hands-on sessions, study a plant species in-depth, and present your findings to the community.



Program Structure

Phase 1 - Orientation Week

June 22-26 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



In-person sessions, Monday through Friday at Fisher Meadows with local experts.

Phase 2 - Independent Study

June 27 - July 30



Independent fieldwork with regular mentor check-ins. Each intern studies one plant species for the summer.

Phase 3 - Community Showcase

July 31 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Final prep at Fisher Meadows
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Community tour and reception at Fisher Meadows



Potential Session Topics

Learn from Local Experts:

- Fisher Meadows Ecosystems: An Overview
- Invasive Plants: The Insidious Five
- Native Plants: Who, Where, Why?
- The Mighty Farmington: River History & Ecology
- A Town Park: Maintaining Municipal Property
- Art & Nature: Inspiration for Art, Literature & Music
- The Feathered Creatures of Fisher Meadows
- Pollinators and the Plants that Support Them
- Invasive Removal Field Sessions



Requirements/How to Apply

- Open to Avon residents - rising high school juniors through college seniors (or equivalent age).
- Must be available for all in-person sessions.
- Communicate with mentors as mutually agreed.
- Create a community-focused marketing plan to share information and events
- Arrange your own transportation to and from sessions.
- Upon completion receive a letter of recommendation from the Town of Avon

**To apply email Carrie Firestone at clenarcic@aol.com by June 1st.
Provide name, age and phone number.**

