Internship Opportunity for Wildlife Students

**Organization:** The KY Chapter of The Wildlife Society in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Elk Program

**Expected Dates:** Summer 2020 (May – August)

**Location:** Hazard, Kentucky

**Stipend:** $3150 for the 12 week Internship; Housing provided

**Deadline for Application:** January 20, 2020

**Job Summary:** The successful candidate for this position will be able to work independently as well as part of a team and should possess the ability to communicate and coordinate effectively with Elk Program Biologists.

**Responsibilities:** Interns will assist the Elk Program staff throughout the elk zone in eastern Kentucky. The primary duties will revolve around assisting with an elk calf study. Interns will learn to use radio telemetry to track radio collated elk calves and cows, investigate mortalities, record field data, and enter data into a Microsoft access database. Additional opportunities to work on deer projects and other species’ projects may arise. This a general description of the functions for this position and is not inclusive of all the duties which may be associated with this position.

**Qualifications / Requirements:** Interns will need to be able to hike and navigate safely with backpacks (25 lbs) across rough and steep terrain in variable weather conditions. Interns will also need to be able to drive safely in four wheel driving conditions using a full-sized pickup truck and UTV. The intern must possess a valid driver’s license. The intern should have some basic field experience whether from a prior internship, job, and/or personal hobbies. Coursework towards a Bachelor’s Degree in natural resources, wildlife management, wildlife biology or equivalent degree, and a member, in good standing, of a Student Chapter of TWS at a KY university. This will be verified by the university Student Advisor.

**Start / End Date:** May, 2020 through August, 2020 (start and end dates may vary depending on University schedules).

**Schedule:** 40 hours per week

**Housing:** Housing is provided at no cost to the successful candidate in the town of Hazard, KY. Interns will be assigned a bedroom in the lower floor of a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife office. Interns will have access to a full bathroom and a kitchen. The house will occasionally be shared with other field staff. Interns may share a room with other field staff of the same sex.

Please submit a Resume, Cover Letter, and 2 additional Professional Letters of Recommendation to Rob Lewis at rob.lewis@tn.gov, (731) 273-0018. All applications must be submitted by **January 20, 2020** via email. First-round interviews will be conducted during the KY TWS Annual Meeting held at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, February 20-21, 2020.

For specific questions about the position please contact Jonathan Fusaro, Elk Biologist. (606) 303-1167 / jonathan.fusaro@ky.gov.