

## VISITOR SERVICES ASSISTANT POSITIONS

Two visitor services assistant positions, working with both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the California Waterfowl Association (CWA), are available. The selected assistants will work at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, 90 miles north of Sacramento near Willows. They will be involved with Service and CWA public use and conservation education activities. The assistants will receive hands-on training in developing outdoor teaching, interpretive skills and recreation management techniques, network with knowledgeable resource professionals, and broaden their awareness of natural resource management.

### **About the Service and the Refuge:**

The National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) System is the world's largest collection of lands dedicated to wildlife conservation. Over 540 NWRs manage a variety of habitats to benefit multitudes of wildlife. Seasonal wetlands, grasslands and creeks of the Sacramento NWR Complex offer haven for millions of ducks and geese that visit the Sacramento Valley during the fall and winter. The six refuges of the Complex provide essential habitat which supplements the resting and feeding needs of waterfowl, threatened and endangered species, and an array of wetland wildlife. Thousands of Americans and international visitors come each year to view and photograph the diversity of wildlife spectacles from the auto routes and walking trails. Visitors also engage in environmental education activities, guided tours, the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest and waterfowl hunting. For more information about the Complex visit our website: [SacramentoValleyRefuges.fws.gov](http://SacramentoValleyRefuges.fws.gov)

### **About CWA:**

Established in 1945, CWA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving waterfowl, wetlands, and outdoor heritage. The association's programs include habitat enhancement and restoration, waterfowl monitoring and evaluation, government affairs activities, and conservation education. CWA works in partnership with a range of agencies and organizations in implementing its programs. For more information about CWA visit our website: [www.calwaterfowl.org](http://www.calwaterfowl.org)

### **Responsibilities:**

Primary responsibilities will involve, but are not limited to, scheduling school groups, presenting tours and slide shows for schools (K-12) and other conservation groups, greeting visitors in the visitor center, assisting with special events, writing conservation education stories, managing the Refuge bookstore and completing general public use maintenance.

### **Qualifications:**

*Required:* Academic background or experience in one or more of the following:

Environmental education, interpretation, computer skills, bird identification, resource conservation

*Desirable:* Experience or skills in one or more of the following:

Public relations, presentations, knowledge of wetlands and waterfowl, work with K-12 students to adults

*Applicable Majors:* Education, Parks and Resource Management, Interpretation, Recreation, and Leisure Studies

### **Duration and Compensation:**

October 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005; 40 hour work week including weekends; \$6.75 per hour. Housing on the Refuge and transportation during the work day will be provided.

### **Send Resume with Cover Letter by August 1, 2004 to:**

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### **Interviews:**

Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview, and selections will take place by late August.