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# RCPT 413: Professional Issues



You have four weeks before  
you mail your packets

# Looking for Agencies

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Welcome to  
Albemarle County  
ONLINE!



**Parks and Recreation**



# Recent Internship Sites

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- Heart of the Valley YMCA AL
- Christiansburg Parks & Rec
- Greenbrier Outfitters WV
- St. Mary's Home for Children with Disabilities
- Outward Bound CO
- Chesterfield Parks & Rec
- Lighthouse Resort Services NC
- Holiday Lake 4-H Center
- Fairfax County TR Services
- Warren County Parks & Rec
- Tangent Outfitters
- Wild Dunes Resort SC
- Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center CO
- Norfolk Festevents
- Fairfax County Park Authority
- Virginia Home
- Roanoke County Parks & Rec
- Virginia Tech Adult Day Services
- Bedford Parks & Rec
- Mountain Lake Conservancy
- Wilderness Ventures WY
- North American River Runners WV
- Camp Roanoke
- Snowshoe Resort WV
- Douthat State Park
- Camp High Rocks
- Stafford County Parks & Rec

# What you should be doing

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- Create a list of agencies you are interested in
  - Where do you get these?
    - Talk with faculty
    - Talk with alumni (networking)
    - Talk with people in area
    - Talk with former interns
    - Look on websites
    - Research files in Student Resource Room (152)
    - Read internship announcements

# Communicating with agencies and professionals

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- To only **get information**
- Do not make any commitments
- Ask them to complete the Agency Survey Form ONLY if:
  - You have checked with the instructor first
  - They are not on the approved or conditional list
  - The agency is one of your top choices



# Think about!!

- Thousands of agencies available
- Only a small few are listed on the Department web site

## APPROVED INTERNSHIP AGENCIES

All students majoring in Recreation, Parks and Tourism must complete a 12-week (480 hours) internship as directed by the National Recreation and Park Association and American Association for Leisure and Recreation (NRPA/AALR) Council on Accreditation. Upon successful completion of this experience, the student receives twelve (12) semester hours of credit. This experience is considered by many educators and practitioners to be the most vital phase of professional preparation. It provides the student with the opportunity to make practical use of principles, methods, knowledge, and materials which have been developed or acquired in the academic program of study. The application of theory in a practical setting gives meaning and fulfillment to the formal educational experience.

The student's internship experience is done in a carefully selected agency under the supervision of an agency supervisor and a Department Internship Supervisor. Utilizing an [Agency Internship Survey form](#), the agency is screened and approved to meet departmental and accreditation requirements for an internship. Approved and conditionally approved internship sites can be found through the following links.

**Reminders:** Recreation, Parks and Tourism majors must attain a 2.1 GPA overall and 2.5 GPA in the major for enrollment in RCPT 413 Professional Issues and RCPT 470 Internship.

### Approved Internship Sites

[Recreation Therapy](#)  
[Tourism and Recreation Management](#)  
[Outdoor Recreation](#)

### Conditional Sites

*These are CONDITIONAL AGENCY SITES that would ONLY be available after a student in RCPT 413 has been approved to go out-of-area or demonstrated compatibility with internship goals and agency needs.*

# Professional Needs

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- Is the size of the agency important?
- Do I want to specialize?
- Are there specific requirements for certification?
- Do I want to work with specific populations?
- Are post-internship job possibilities important?
- What is the “value added?”
- Do I need a lot of close supervision?

# Exercise Time!

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- Identify your personal needs and preferences
- Personal needs
  - Financial
  - Transportation
  - Significant others
  - Geographic location
  - Leisure opportunities
  - Outdoors
  - Additional needs



# Narrow down

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- Start researching agencies
- Narrow down to 3 or 4
  - May want to interview with that many
- Get complete information on
  - Agency contact person (correct spelling, title)
  - Address
  - Type of internship
  - Deadlines

# Questions???

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*When choosing the best means the most.*

