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### Strawberry Plains Internship Final Report

Interning at Strawberry Plains Audubon Center has been an amazing experience. Being a Recreation major as well as an Environmental Studies minor, I felt as though I spent my summer in a perfect atmosphere. The knowledge I gained from my first day to the last is immense. Being a small-staffed non-profit I was able to see how programs were ran first hand and up close. My special project was to develop a self-guided trail brochure using my knowledge of recreation, marketing, and the environment. During my first week I planned for the kid's summer camp that Strawberry Plains hosts each year. From that alone I was able to gain a lot of program experience and it felt wonderful seeing it come to action. Most of this summer consisted of me working with Strawberry Plain's Lead Education Volunteer, Linda, to develop this trail guide for the infamous History Loop Trail at Strawberry Plains. Using my knowledge from recreation classes, previous camps I have worked at, and the incredible experience at Strawberry Plains, I was able to compile information to develop a brochure that will transform the recreation experience of everyone who visits Strawberry Plains for years to come. Mitch was an incredibly knowledgeable supervisor that taught me more about native plants than I could have ever imagined. Without his guidance and expertise I would have never been able to write plant descriptions for my brochure or even lead groups on hikes discussing what I have learned. From beginning to end, I loved every second of my internship.

