Field Biologist
Loon Preservation Committee

The learning objectives of the field biology position were three-fold. First, understanding the importance of biodiversity to an ecosystem. Second, getting first hand experience with an in-the-field position and developing the associated skills, and finally, establishing an understanding of how the community and the natural world affect and influence one another.

The field biologist position requires a number of skills, including the ability to operate a motor boat and read a navigational chart to get around day to day. Beyond navigational skills, the most important abilities to have as a field biologist were definitely observational and data recording. Because the entire database at LPC is supported by what the field biologists record, the level of those skills are essential to the quality of the information in the database.

The Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) was formed in 1975 as a result of concerns about dramatic declines in the presence and productivity of loons in New Hampshire. A self-funded project of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, LPC is primarily a network of committed volunteers who wish to make tangible contributions to the preservation of loons and their habitats throughout the state.

-LPC Website (loon.org)

There really couldn’t be a more useful internship experience for a Community and Environmental Studies major. As far as career goals go, the LPC field biologist position opens a number of doors and begins to build on a skill set that is absolutely elemental in the environmental field. The community and regulation side of LPC’s work ties in perfectly with a future in environmental policy.