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Caption: Tayelor Gosselin

Refuge welcomes new biology intern

Biology intern Tayelor Gosselin recently arrived to help J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge with manpower shortages in the coming year, thanks to funding from the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

Gosselin graduated from the University of Maine in May 2017 with a bachelor’s degree in wildlife ecology and a concentration in wildlife management. The Greene, Maine, native worked during the summer under a master’s student program conducting a bat acoustic survey across Nebraska.

“I haven't explored much of Sanibel yet, but so far I really enjoy the beaches with a multitude of shells, as well as short walks to my car where several lizards will scurry away,” said Gosselin. “The baby alligators on the Indigo Trail are also a bonus.”

DDWS provides living stipends and other benefits for about a dozen interns each year. The refuge supports interns and resident volunteers with free housing.

“Our interns bring youthful energy, enthusiasm, and creativity to the refuge team,” said DDWS supervisory refuge ranger Toni Westland. “At the same time, the program gives recent graduates an opportunity to learn hands-on about the environment and refuge operations.”

For more information about the refuge’s internship programs, contact Westland at 239-472-1100 ext. 237. To support the internship program, contact DDWS executive director Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4.

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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