



BBO Internships: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are high school students eligible?
 - a. Probably not, given the need for time in May and June, and the level of learning and skill needed.
2. Are graduating university or college students eligible?
 - a. Yes, within reason
3. Can I start a little bit later than the beginning of May?
 - a. Probably not, but maybe if tasks can be handed temporarily to an alternate person? Some projects have 2 interns, and some projects, like the Grassland Breeding Bird Census surveys, start on June 1st.
4. Where should interns park when visiting the BBO?
 - a. Inside the fenced portion of the volunteer parking lot. Do not park outside the gate or the cows will damage your vehicle. Be sure to always close that gate behind you!
5. When is the orientation?
 - a. To be announced each year (usually the first Sunday in May)
 - b. At the orientation, you'll meet other interns, your mentors, receive a site orientation, and learn how to complete your internship.
6. Who is my mentor?
 - a. We will send that information to you when you are assigned to a project.
7. Who will I be working with?
 - a. We will send that information to you when you are assigned to a project.
8. How can I contact other interns, other mentors, and BBO staff?
 - a. The BBO Biologist Jana will send a spreadsheet with all of that information
9. How can I access the data from past internships?
 - a. Jana will send out the links along with permissions
10. Are the deadlines to submit data and reports firm?
 - a. Yes, please ensure that you complete your work on time.
 - b. You can find the deadlines in your project manual.
 - c. If any unforeseen issues arise, **please contact your mentor** to discuss options.
 - d. Failure to complete your surveys and report will result in a loss of the internship stipend
11. Can I help out with projects by other interns and BBO staff?
 - a. Yes, absolutely. Please ask around (see contact list) to make arrangements
12. Can I help with bird banding?
 - a. Yes, absolutely. We ask that you please complete the [volunteer application](#) and the scribe training, but you do not have to sign up for shifts while you are an intern.
 - b. Please contact to participate in banding
13. Can I borrow some equipment for my project?

- a. Yes, you can borrow many items from the BBO: binoculars, scopes, mosquito jackets, clipboards, boots, chest waders, work gloves, compass, GPS, field guides, nestbox maintenance and repair equipment, and more.

14. Other?