



Onwentsia Club

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM





Course History

Course History & Overview

Onwentsia Club is a private 18-hole club founded in 1895 and is located 30 miles north of Chicago, near the coast of Lake Michigan. It is one of the oldest clubs in America and is one of only five in the country to host the U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Women's Amateur, and U.S. Senior Amateur. Onwentsia was the host of the 103rd Western Junior Amateur in 2021, where the course held the entire field, except one player, at or above par for the entire week. Onwentsia's early roots also include a rich history in polo, equestrian riding, skit shooting, croquet, and a prominent racquets program. The course plays 6,700 yards and features a links-style layout with push-up bentgrass greens, native prairie grasses, and open vistas while situated on approximately 180 acres. The golf course was restored in 1997 by Tom Doak, and as a part of our long-range master plan, new improvement projects are initiated each year, including a new USGA spec croquet pitch built in fall 2021. The Club celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2020.



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Onwentsia Club prides itself in providing an exceptional golf experience through excellent playing conditions and a clean, detailed course presentation. Interns will be exposed to many important practices to maximize course playability including moisture management, frugal use of fertilizers and chemicals, and various cultural practices. Interns will work closely with the Superintendent and Assistants on many aspects of the grounds operation. Within the first week, we sit down with Interns to identify their strengths and weaknesses to ensure they get the most out of their time at Onwentsia, as well as for their long-term success in the business. A comprehensive internship curriculum will be reviewed with each Intern to ensure they obtain hands on experience in all essential areas of course management, as well as exposure to other responsibilities of the Assistants and Superintendent. Typical daily duties will include but are not limited to hand watering, daily course setup, irrigation repair and maintenance, fertilizer and pesticide applications, general mowing and course maintenance, and working with crews on projects.



A Unique Experience

Assistant Superintendent for a Week

A unique experience Onwentsia offers deserving Interns, is the opportunity to serve as the Assistant Superintendent for one week toward summer's end. During this time, the Intern will be responsible for leading the crew, managing daily workflow, and scheduling, as well as reporting to the Superintendent just as they will be required to do when they become an Assistant. Year after year, this has proven to be the most beneficial part of our internship program in preparing Interns for their next career step. This internship offers a great opportunity to gain valuable skills and knowledge in golf course management and succeeding as a professional in the business. It is a productive and positive working environment and will be very rewarding for the right candidates. We are currently seeking individuals from May-August (flexible).

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Intern Expectations

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- Humility, character, and integrity
- Excellent attitude
- Good communicator
- Strong desire to learn
- Show up on time
- Cooperate with other staff members
- Be reliable and available when needed
- Experience spraying and hand-watering greens is preferred
- Ability to work overtime
- Dedication to grow within the turf industry



The Details

Intern Housing

Free Housing is provided & conveniently located on property. Housing is of 'dorm' style which consists of your own room & storage space, a mini fridge, free Wi-Fi, and a common room with other club employees. Washer/Dryer is included.

What to bring:

- Bedding
- Small TV for room
- Bathroom Towels/Toiletries
- Laundry Detergent
- Khaki work pants
- Rain Gear

Compensation:

\$16-\$17/hr + overtime / Free Housing / Lunch & Dinner at Clubhouse
Tue-Sun / Uniforms & \$500 Golf Shop Budget / Golfing Privileges / Bonus



Places of Interest

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Chicago's North Shore:

Lake Forest and its neighboring towns make for an overall great location on the North Shore of Chicago. There are many options including:

- Countless restaurant/food options
- Metra train station to downtown Chicago, which is 30 miles south.
- Lake Michigan beachfront only a short distance away
- Halas Hall: Chicago Bears training facility located in Lake Forest
- Melody Farm - new shopping development with restaurants located in Vernon Hills
- Downtown Libertyville - Many great food options
- Six Flags Great America - 20 minute drive

Chicago:

- Cubs at Wrigley Field
- Navy Pier
- The Magnificent Mile
- Chicago Riverwalk
- Millennium Park
- 360 degree view observation decks (John Hancock Center and Willis Tower)
- Concerts, theatres, museums



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