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# LIVE NFK: AN INTERNS CHECK UP

## What am I Doing?



Morgan enjoying the garden at Keep Norfolk Beautiful

In the beginning, everything was shiny and new. After five weeks, my perspective has changed. My internship is so much more real now. I am in the thick of it. There are the summer camps, outreach and education brainstorming, prepping for fall events, etc. Things are happening, we're all busy, and we're moving at a steady pace. The first few weeks were all about learning, meeting, getting settled, and getting started. It was busy and fast. Now, I am making things happen.

### **M**aking what happen?

Keep Norfolk Beautiful, Stormwater, and Utilities go to a different recreation center twice a week for one hour for a summer camp. We each have an activity related to our work, the environment, and how the kids can help. My role is to keep the summer camps organized as well as teaching.

The other big project is the International Coastal Cleanup starting September 10 - October 31. During that time groups will be coordinating large cleanups throughout Norfolk. I have been emailing group leaders and helping with the logistics of our own cleanup date. It is very much in the planning and promoting phase, but it feels like it's tomorrow.

I have also begun researching education opportunities for middle to high school students. I am excited for the opportunity to work with older students. I like the idea of going to a classroom and having a Q&A session that will help students see the bigger picture. In my head it's an informal but educational conversation about our impact on the environment, and what we can do about it.

### **R**eflection on the last 5 weeks

Five weeks ago I was excited and nervous about starting this internship. Five weeks in and I still don't want to go. Sometimes I still feel unsure, but I also feel more confident now. My responsibilities are greater and I can feel it. But I like it. It just takes a little getting used to. Though, I think I am well on my way.

