Overview:

The Sports Turf Management Intern will provide support in maintaining all playing surfaces at Ripken Stadium and The Ripken Experience - Aberdeen to the highest professional standards. Ripken Stadium is a 6,000 seat stadium that is home to the Aberdeen Ironbirds, the short season ‘A’ affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles.

The ten playing fields must reflect Major League Baseball quality in safety and playability at all times. The position will require professionalism in appearance, attitude, and job performance. Our company is poised for growth, and we are looking to hire and train a future leader.

Responsibilities:

Ripken Sports Turf Interns will work Ironbirds games as well as Ripken Experience Tournaments from May-September. The Sports Turf Management intern will shadow, learn from, and assist the Sports Turf Superintendent and Sports Turf Manager. The intern will perform duties such as, but not limited to:

- Maintain and repair infield skin surfaces
- Maintain and repair mound and plate areas
- Assist in supervising, training and scheduling of seasonal staff
- Assist in developing/executing fertilization, irrigation and pesticide programs as appropriate
- Perform water/moisture management on skinned surfaces
- Participate in meetings regarding field use and game day logistics
- Perform irrigation repair and maintenance
- Uphold the Company’s landscape vision by assisting in oversight of outsourced landscape contractors
- Identify internal and external customer needs and service accordingly with pride and a positive attitude
- Provide feedback and suggestions to department as needed
- Other duties as assigned - our interns assume real responsibilities and play a vital role in our sports turf operations.
**Qualifications:**

**Required:**

- Currently pursuing a Bachelors or Associates Degree in Turf Management or related field
- Highly motivated, able to work with others in stressful situations
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Aptitude to operate required equipment; riding/standing mowers, tractors, etc.
- Ability to work and think independently and act with sound judgment
- Ability and willingness to work nights, weekends, and holidays per needs of the business - up to 40 hours per week from May-September (flexible based on school schedule)
- Must be a current college student or May 2014 college graduate

**Working Conditions / Special Physical Requirements:**

- Must be able to lift/move heavy items of 50 lbs. or more
- May be exposed to extreme heat and inclement weather
- Must be in good physical condition in order to perform this job

**Job Location**

Aberdeen, Maryland, United States

**Position Type**

Paid Internship

**Salary**

$1500/month on a bi weekly basis

**Housing**

Not included

Interested parties can apply for the internship online at [www.ripkenbaseball.com](http://www.ripkenbaseball.com). Go to the career opportunities section and follow directions. After completing the application, please contact Joshua Koss at [jkoss@ripkenbaseball.com](mailto:jkoss@ripkenbaseball.com) to notify Sports Turf Management department of submittal.