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# Welcome Summer Intern Michael Marchese!

*By: Michael Marchese, Environmental Education Assistant*

Greetings Y'all! I am Michael Marchese your 2025 intern for the Genesee County Park & Forest, helping out as their Environmental Education Assistant through the Student Conservation Association (SCA)/ AmeriCorps. From June until late August I can be found working at the Interpretive Nature Center, as well as around the Genesee County Park area and the DeWitt Recreation Area, helping or leading educational and recreational programs.

I am an upcoming senior at Paul Smith's College up in the Adirondacks where I am Majoring in Environmental Science. In addition to my studies I am also on the college rugby team and when I am home, I play on the Genesee County local rugby team - the Genesee Creamers!

When I'm not busy with work or sports, I'm out in the wilderness hiking up the mountains. I'm about half way through the New York 46ers and I have even hiked a handful of mountains in Alaska. My favorite part of hiking is the sounds from the natural world, and even getting to observe all the living and non-living parts of nature at work. You often find unique animals and plants hanging around the tops of mountains.

I am excited to interact with people who care and enjoy for the environment as much as I do this summer. I cannot wait to expand my knowledge and hone in my teaching skills, and help others do the same.



*Michael at the top of Mount Jumbo, Juneau Alaska 2024*



*Northern Lights from Deer River Flow in the Adirondacks, 2025*