

PARKLANDS FOUNDATION

2010

Summer Internship Available

Restoration and Management of Native Landscapes McLean and Woodford Counties in Central Illinois

This internship program is available to students enrolled at a university or college. Students should have backgrounds in biological sciences, ecology, horticulture and related disciplines and have interests in Conservation Biology, Ecological Restoration, and management and preservation of natural areas. Some skills and experience in identification of plants native to central Illinois is necessary. The position is 37.5 hours per week and will require physical labor outdoors. We seek interns who are capable of independent work, and have a strong sense of self-motivation, self-discipline, and dedication to the job. Interns must also be capable of following specific directions, be able to work alone and with others. Interns will work with the land steward, who will be their site supervisor, members of the ParkLands Foundation Board, and volunteers. Information about the ParkLands Foundation is available at the ParkLands Foundation web site <http://www.parklandsfoundation.org/>.

General Information:

- Three full-time internship positions are available for **summer 2010**
- Applications are due **April 1, 2010**.
- The internship begins in late May and continues until the middle of August 2010; (eleven weeks) positions are 37.5 hours per week.
- The hourly wage is \$8.50 per hour
- Interns will work both independently and with others including volunteers, stewards, and professionals.
- Interns will need their own transportation (\$300 in mileage reimbursement available). An herbicide operator's license is required; this will be obtained at the start of the internship. For testing information contact Illinois Department of Agriculture, License and Test Information (1-800-641-3934). Take the General Standards test.

Internship Goals:

- Experience hands-on natural lands management by removing invasive vegetation from ParkLand Foundation sites;

- Learn to identify native and invasive plant species;
- Meet professional land managers and biologists and learn management, restoration, and monitoring techniques from them;
- Coordinate with the land stewards to perform annual management activities;
- Assist with Foundation activities, site visits, and work days;
- Learn the importance of managing our natural area remnants;
- Collect native plant seeds;
- Assist with data collection as needed.

Application Instructions:

- **A letter of application;** in this letter indicate why you want to be an intern, why you think that you are qualified for the position, and how being an intern will benefit you professionally
- **A résumé** stating your educational background, employment history and relevant experience;
- Names and contact information (Mailing address, Phone Number, email address) of **three references**;
- **Three completed reference forms.** Please provide a separate reference form for each reference provider.
- Completed Applications should be sent to Chair of Intern Screen Committee, c/o Roger C. Anderson, 4120 School of Biological Sciences, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, 61790-4120. Applications are due not later than 1 April, 2010.
- For additional Information contact Roger C. Anderson (rcander@ilstu.edu, 309-438-2653)