

Summer Natural Resource Technician

Position Description - 2016

River Bend Nature Center

Position	Summer Natural Resource Technician
Status	Temporary, full-time
Salary	\$440 stipend biweekly
Duration	May 31st – August 26th, 2016
Hours	40 hours per week
Reports to	Education Coordinators
Description	

River Bend Nature Center is a private non-profit nature center located on 743 acres in Faribault in southeastern Minnesota. Home to active wetlands, maple basswood forests and restored prairies, River Bend's mission is to "help people discover, enjoy, understand and preserve the incredible natural world that surrounds us." The Center has a strong family of members and a growing relationship with communities in the area.

Primary Responsibilities

- ♦ Work as part of a friendly, dynamic staff dedicated to connecting people to the natural world.
- ♦ Assist with park maintenance including grounds maintenance, mowing and trimming, litter pickup, painting, tree trimming and weed control
- ♦ Coordinates and works with land management volunteer groups such as River Bend Rangers (trail monitoring), mowers and Restoration Club
- ♦ Monitors trail conditions. Field surveys of local plant and animal resources
- ♦ Habitat restoration including but not limited to removing invasive species, prairie, woodland and wetland habitat management, trail improvement
- ♦ Assists with update to long range land and facilities plan
- ♦ Contribute to the newsletter as well as other forms of publications
- ♦ Assist with all nonprofit responsibilities and obligations

Benefits

- ♦ Fully furnished housing provided
- ♦ Paid time off (1 full week).
- ♦ Negotiable funding for extra workshops, trainings, or certifications

Qualifications Required:

- ♦ Working towards or having completed a degree in natural history, sciences, biology, ecology, geology or related fields.
- ♦ Ability to work independently and as part of a team and to work flexible hours as needed.
- ♦ Demonstrate genuine interest and enthusiasm for natural resources conservation
- ♦ General familiarity with Minnesota's natural resources
- ♦ Ability to relate with people of all ages and abilities in a positive manner
- ♦ Well-developed written and oral communication skills. Ability to follow written and oral instructions
- ♦ A valid Driver's license
- ♦ Ability to take on and complete strenuous activities. Ability to routinely stand, walk, sit, kneel, stoop, balance, climb and operate power hand tools. Ability to work outdoors in extreme weather conditions. Ability to routinely lift 75 lbs.

Additional favorable skills:

- ♦ Prior experience with land management and habitat restoration such as chain saw certification
- ♦ First Aid and CPR training
- ♦ Experience using GIS to inventor natural resources
- ♦ Ability to identify Minnesota plants and animals

Application Procedure:

Send application materials via mail, fax, or e-mail to:

Kaytlan Moeller, Education Coordinator
River Bend Nature Center
PO Box 186
Faribault, MN 55021
507-332-7151 or fax 507-332-0656
e-mail: kaytlan@rbnc.org
web site: <http://www.rbnc.org>

Application should include a cover letter, resume, and a list of 3 references. Call or email with questions.

Application Deadline: