



2023 Summer Land Steward Intern

Position Type: Full Time, Non-Exempt, Seasonal (May 15 – August 11, 2023)

Salary: \$12.00/hour

Benefits: Membership privileges, casual work environment, \$200 gear allowance, and the opportunity to obtain job-related training and certifications such as CPR/First Aid, S212 Chainsaw, and Pesticide Application

Are you passionate about land conservation? Are you looking for a paid summer internship that provides direct, hands-on experience working on land maintenance and restoration projects? Join our team today and build your knowledge and network, while learning from an experienced Land Steward team and working with various partner organizations.

JOB SUMMARY

Fontenelle Forest's Summer Land Steward Intern program provides a diverse experience in the land conservation field, including hands-on oak woodland, prairie and wetland restoration ecology projects, growing-season land maintenance experience, and the opportunity to work with partner organizations. The intern program is targeted toward students enrolled in or recently graduated from a degree program in environmental or biological sciences, or a related discipline.

This position is generally scheduled 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday, with occasional weekend hours to support the operational needs of the organization. The Summer Land Steward Intern works directly with the Land Steward team and reports to the Manager of Conservation or designee.

ORGANIZATION

Founded in 1913, Fontenelle Forest is one of Nebraska's oldest conservation organizations and one of the largest private nature centers in the nation. Fontenelle Forest owns and manages Fontenelle Forest in Bellevue and Neale Woods in Omaha. The properties encompass over 2,100 acres of forest, prairie and wetlands along the Missouri River in the geographically significant Loess Hills. Fontenelle Forest aspires to be a national leader in environmental stewardship and education and the region's premier nature center. Fontenelle Forest embraces the values of Integrity, Stewardship, Excellence, Engagement, and Sustainability.

Fontenelle Forest values its employees and is committed to maintaining a positive working environment; a culture and a value proposition that attracts and retains top, diverse talent. Beyond a personal commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, we are looking for candidates with a strong commitment to integrating equity and inclusion best practices into programs and services. People who have lived experience in historically marginalized and excluded communities are especially encouraged to apply.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with land restoration work including, but not limited to, invasive plant control, use of herbicide under permit holder, brush piling, survey assistant, occasional prescribed fire preparation, and firewood stock replenishing
- Under the direction of rangers and/or biologists, complete basic maintenance of trails/firebreaks and trail infrastructure. Work to include, but not limited to, basic grounds keeping and trail maintenance utilizing hand tools and small power equipment
- Assist with regular maintenance and repair of equipment
- Assist with work monitoring/reporting including but not limited to: GPS work/monitoring areas, plant identification and reporting, and photo documentation

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma/GED required
- Minimum 3 months of work experience in outdoor land, grounds, or trail maintenance
- Demonstrated ability to utilize a variety of power and hand tools safely and effectively
- Must maintain valid driver's license and be insurable
- Ability to successfully pass background check

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- The person in this position spends extensive amounts of time working outdoors in all weather conditions (including heat, cold, rain, humidity, and strong winds); hiking up to seven miles during a workday over hilly, uneven, wooded and densely vegetated terrain, while carrying gear and equipment weighing up to 50 pounds
- Person in this position must be able to perform duties while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Safely utilize herbicides (under permit holder) and operate power tools and small hand equipment for extended periods of time
- Driving and operating a variety of equipment such as trucks, trailers, plows, skid steer, tractor, etc.

To Apply: Send cover letter, resume or description of work history and related experience, and three professional references to info@fontenelleforest.org. Please reference "Summer Land Steward Intern" in the subject line.

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