

Job Title Wildlife Management AmeriCorps

Location Cedar-Wapsi Wildlife Unit, Parkersburg, Iowa

Start Dates and Length March 19, 2010 – June 10, 2010

Job Description Work as part of the unit team to restore and maintain habitat on public land. This includes performing a variety of semi-skilled maintenance and technical tasks.

Job duties:

- Assist with controlled burning on unit areas.
- Complete other wildlife management and development activities so that optimum wildlife habitat conditions are realized. The position is under the supervision of the Natural Resource Technician II. Practices are varied, but result in increased wildlife diversity and populations on public and private lands. Practices include grass and forb seeding, food plot seeding, manipulating water control structures, construction and placement of wood duck nest boxes, tree and shrub planting, and edge-feathering among other items. Completing these practices requires operation of tractors with implements, chainsaws and other power implements.
- Perform maintenance activities on unit Areas as directed by a Natural Resource Technician. The activities maintain existing facilities to provide access for public users. This includes the maintenance of boat ramps, parking lots, roads, culverts, buildings, signs and fences. Maintenance is also performed on those items developed for wildlife habitat. This would include mowing dikes, repairing water control structures, weed control in tree plantings, tree and brush control in prairies, invasive vegetation control and so forth.
- Help perform preventative maintenance and repairs, and operate unit equipment safely. Employee is expected to help with replacement or repair of worn or broken parts on equipment. Employee will complete routine maintenance on equipment.
- Complete administrative reports on projects assigned. Employee will provide data to the Technician II and Biologist to allow the completion of monthly and quarterly reports. Special investigations may be assigned to this employee. The employee will interact and answer questions from the public on many occasions.
- Assist with educational programs as directed by the Natural Resource Biologist and Natural Resource Technician II. Help with nuisance wildlife investigations and responses. Assist private landowners with various programs to promote wildlife habitat on their land.
- Assist other employees in the collection of biological data used to determine the necessity of new projects or to evaluate projects completed on unit areas. Employee will assist with spring spotlight surveys.
- Work with volunteers on habitat projects.

AmeriCorps Program Details

Must complete 450 hours of service. A living allowance (salary) is provided, \$3,176. An education award of \$1,250 is provided at the completion of the term. Housing is available.

Minimum Qualifications

- Graduated from or currently enrolled in or on break between semesters of college, or about to enter first semester of college from high school.
- Major must be in Wildlife Ecology or another closely related Natural Resource Field.
- Must be available for all interviews and training as required
- Must have a valid motor vehicle operator's license
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age
- Able to work alone, with the public, in all conditions, on weekends, holidays, nights, and evenings as required.
- Able to withstand physically demanding work, including lifting, bending, or hauling
- Work with minimal supervision, demonstrate responsible behavior and attention to detail
- Follow policy and cooperate with supervisors and co-workers
- Exhibits honesty and integrity.
- Works and communicates with internal and external clients and customers to meet their needs in a polite, courteous and cooperative manner.
- Displays a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently.
- Aligns behavior with needs, priorities, and goals of the organization.