



Restoration Technician

Forest Preserve District of Kane County

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Closing Date:

Salary: \$24.87 PER HOUR

Description:

Position Summary: Under direct supervision of the Restoration Crew Leaders, the Restoration Technician performs a wide variety of assigned tasks and projects designed to improve the ecological health of District lands. May assist or mentor seasonals, interns and volunteers on day-to-day operational tasks.

- Assists with day-to-day restoration and enhancement tasks, including but not limited to: brush removal (utilizing power equipment such as chainsaws, mowers & brush cutters), prescribed burns, management of invasive plants, heavy equipment operation (including tracked skid-steers and tractors), application of pesticides, and harvest and installation of native seed.
- Assists department staff in the collection of biological data, including tree surveys, floristic inventories and the monitoring of various wildlife species.
- Conducts routine equipment inspections and performs maintenance and repair of equipment, vehicles and tools.
- Operates vehicles of various sizes and weights in the loading, hauling and unloading of various equipment and material. Operates light and medium-sized construction and power equipment.
- Oversees intern projects, performs data entry and vegetation inventory and monitoring, occasionally.
- Assists with general maintenance and upkeep of department buildings.
- Participates in native plant propagation efforts (greenhouse, hoophouse, and garden).
- Oversees work performed by contractors, occasionally.
- Represents a positive and professional image to the public and assists the public as needed.
- Possesses and maintains a valid and current Illinois Driver's License free from suspension or revocation during term of employment; must maintain insurability with the District's fleet insurance carrier.
- Works irregular hours, including weekends and evenings, occasionally.
- Attends professional conferences, workshops and seminars as appropriate within budget parameters and with Department Head approval.
- Obtains and maintains all required licenses and certifications and keeps up-to-date on professional trends and developments related to position accountabilities.

- Performs the job safely and in compliance with District policies, procedures, work and safety rules, the Employee Handbook, and applicable laws and regulations.
- Establishes positive relationships with community, volunteers and preserve users.
- Provides input during the annual planning and budget preparation process.
- Maintains required logs and work lists, provides progress reports, etc.

Qualifications

- Minimum Age Requirement: 21 years old
- Education: Associate's degree in ecology, botany, natural resource management, land management, or closely related field; Bachelor's degree a plus.
- Experience: One (1) year in natural resources, recreation, or closely related field; previous experience operating required equipment (see below); or an equivalent combination of relevant education, experience and training.
- Certifications/Licenses: CPR/1st AID/AED, CDL Class A, Pesticide Applicator; S-130/S-190 basic wildland firefighting training or equivalent; all licenses/certifications must be obtained and maintained within one year of employment.