

Tama County Seasonal Conservation Aide

Reports to: Conservation Officer or Technician
FLSA Status: Seasonal

Department: Conservation
Date: 2/23/24

Position Summary:

Tama County Conservation is looking to hire several Conservation Aides looking to gain experience in a variety of Conservation activities. This position will generally be under the supervision of the Park Officer and Conservation Technician to conduct various campground and wildlife area improvement and maintenance efforts, and may work alongside the Naturalist and Director on various specialized projects.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Operation and maintenance of various types of equipment and vehicles
- Handling and application of herbicides
- Conducting prescribed burns and prairie mowing
- Mowing, hand trimming, tree and shrub cutting including some chainsaw work.
- Refuse and debris removal from park and trail areas.
- Assist campground guests and public, including camper registration and collecting fees.
- Campsite and Nature Center upkeep and facilities maintenance
- Occasionally help Naturalist and Director with specialty projects and programs including public outreach, animal care and wildlife studies

Employment Dates: Spring, Summer, Fall (flexible start and end dates)

Work Schedule: 40hrs per week. Typical work week is Monday-Friday, 7am-3:30pm. Some weekend and holiday hours may be required.

Pay: \$15.00/hr.

Qualifications: Must be able to perform the necessary functions of the job, be motivated, a self-starter, and willing to learn essential skills. Ability to lift 50lbs on a regular basis. Able to traverse potential rough terrain and steep slopes, and work in inclement weather conditions. Experience in operation of tractors, mowers, chainsaws, trimmers power and hand tools is preferred. Interest in conservation and/or parks and recreation is desired. Must be 18 years of age, possess a valid drivers license and have a safe driving record. Background check is required for employment.

Tama County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, the county will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages prospective employees and position incumbents to discuss potential accommodations with the Employer.