Iowa DNR
Now Hiring!

Temporary Forestry Specialist

State Forestry Nursery

in Ames IA

Tentative Employment Dates:
March 7th - May 31st

$15/ hr*
Up to 20 hrs / week
Accessible by CyRide

*$15.50/hr for returning employees

TO APPLY:
https://forms.office.com/r/8icdu0v4XE
Duties of the Forestry Specialist:

- Collection, harvest and grading of tree seedling stock:
  - Assist with all aspects of tree seedling identification, harvest, collection and grading of seeding stock for storage, stratification and distribution.

- Propagation, planting, locating of seed sources, and collection of tree seeds:
  - Conduct activities associated with collection of seed stock, propagation, location of rare species, development of methods for new tree species production, and maintenance and production of seedlings.

Related Duties:

- Assist full-time staff with weed control and tree / brush removal.
- Assist with field site prep for planting, irrigation of seedlings, and general field maintenance.
- Perform general maintenance including snow removal, cleaning, small repairs, and vehicle and equipment maintenance.
- Move and (un)load materials, supplies and equipment; haul / carry packages, seedlings, other materials up to 50 lbs (pounds) in a fast-paced environment.
- Lift seedlings from the field and load into baskets for cold storage.
- Sort and grade seedlings according to species, size and quality.
- Bag and prepare seedlings for shipping and distribution.
- Collect seed in designated areas. Sort, handle and clean seeds to prepare for planting.
- Operate hand tools, clippers, saws, and weed-eaters. Preferred experience operating small tractors and forklifts.
Required Competencies:

- Ability to understand and follow oral / verbal instructions.
- Ability to apply personal work attitudes such as honesty and responsibility; trustworthiness and reliability required to be a productive employee.
- Works and communicates with internal and external clients and customers to meet their needs in a polite, courteous, and cooperative manner. Committed to quality service.
- Displays a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently.
- Works with minimal supervision. Demonstrates responsible behavior and attention to detail.
- Responds appropriately to supervision. Makes an effort to follow policy and cooperate with supervisors.
- Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, trust, and group identity. Fosters commitment and team spirit.
- Expresses information to individuals or groups effectively, taking into account the audience and nature of the information. Listens to others and responds appropriately.
- Ability to work alone and with others, under all weather conditions, and on occasional weekends and evenings as necessary.
- Must have keen attention to detail and observational skills.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.

For additional information regarding the position, please contact:

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