Naturalist

Salary
$28.13 - $31.05 Hourly

Location
Perry, IA

Job Type
Full-Time

Job Number
DC00700

Department
Conservation

Division
Conservation

Opening Date
01/09/2024

Closing Date
1/30/2024 4:30 PM Central

• DESCRIPTION
• BENEFITS

Job Description

This position is responsible for participating in the development and implementation of environmental education programs and assisting in the management of natural resources. This position may supervise the work of assigned volunteers.

Job Duties

• Plans, develops, and delivers formal environmental education programming for schools, colleges and universities, and home school groups.
• Plans, develops and delivers informal environmental education programming for schools, community organizations and the general public.
• Participates in the design, development, coordination, promotion, scheduling, and presentation of formal and informal programs.
• Performs natural resources management duties: maintains and clears trails, enhances habitats, removes invasive species, monitors seasonal wildlife, and replaces or cleans bird boxes.
• Coordinates the recruitment, training, supervision, and scheduling of volunteers engaged in ecosystem and natural resource management activities.
• Writes articles and press releases; submits content for social media sites; promotes statements for formal education audiences; authors communication statements for volunteer audiences.
• Maintains attendance and other statistical records; records the use of permitted live animals and maintains inventory of deceased animals.
• Researches, creates, and develops educational displays and materials about the cultural and natural history of Dallas County as assigned.
• Creates and maintains records of museum resources as assigned.
• Staffs the museum as assigned; cares and maintains live animals; assists with volunteer management.
• Answers wildlife calls to rescue injured animals.
• Performs related duties.

Qualifications

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

• Bachelor's Degree in the field of natural sciences or related.
• One to two years of related work experience.
• Valid Driver's License or ability to obtain.

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES

• Knowledge of the natural history and physical science of the local ecosystem.
• Knowledge of conservation and natural resource management principles.
• Knowledge of educational program development and delivery principles.
• Knowledge of hydrology.
• Knowledge of the cultural history of the area.
• Knowledge of local flora and fauna life cycles and habitat requirements.
• Knowledge of county and department policies and procedures.
• Skill in problem solving.
• Skill in prioritizing and planning.
• Skill in interpersonal relations.
• Skill in operating computers and job-related software programs.
• Skill in oral and written communication.

Supplemental Information

PHYSICAL DEMANDS/WORK ENVIRONMENT
• The work is typically performed while sitting at a desk or table or while intermittently sitting, standing, walking, bending, crouching, or stooping. The employee frequently lifts light and occasionally heavy objects, distinguishes between shades of color, and utilizes the sense of smell.
• The work is typically performed outdoors, occasionally in cold or inclement weather.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of employees assigned to this job.

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

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Women, minorities and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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