2024 Crew Leader Job Description

Spend your summer outside and inspire youth through environmental stewardship projects. Together with a fellow crew leader, you will supervise, mentor and inspire a crew of 10 teens. Gain experience in habitat restoration, trail maintenance, environmental education, and outdoor skill instruction. Learn how to manage projects and crew safety. Use your hands, and motivate a team to help public land. Network with Naturalists and Natural Resources staff to build connections for your future.

Basic Qualifications
Enthusiasm for serving outside
Demonstrated leadership experience
Positive role model and strong work ethic
Ability to creatively motivate people
Adaptable to change
Self-starter and ability to work independently
Able to make good decisions that account for the safety and well-being of the crew

Desired Qualifications
Experience with outdoor skills – canoe, kayak, camp, etc.
Experience with environmental stewardship projects
Experience using a variety of hand tools (loppers, pruners, shovels, etc.)
Knowledge of ecology, species identification, and current issues in environmental science
Training in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion practices
This role would be ideal for candidates interested in conservation and land management, environmental science, secondary education, youth programming, parks and recreation, social work, environmental education, public service, and similar areas.

Requirements
Standing, walking, sitting, stooping or crouching, kneeling, reaching, talking, hearing
Exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally and/or negligible amounts of force frequently to lift, push, pull, or otherwise move objects
Willingness and ability to serve outside in an environment subject to heat and humidity, sunburn, insect bites, poison ivy, or other natural elements
Ability to pass pre-employment background check
Pre-employment drug screening may be required
Must have or obtain a Class D Driver’s License or equivalent, Pesticide Applicator Certification, and First Aid Certification

- Candidate must be 18 or older to apply
Along with the $4,500 living stipend, AmeriCorps members will also receive a $1,718.25 education award upon completion of their term.

Resumes can be sent to patrice.petersen-keys@polkcountyiowa.gov prior to December 17th.