Jones County - Seasonal Naturalist Intern - Center Junction, IA

HOURS OF POSITION: 20 hours per week:  Seasonal Naturalist Intern position located at the Jones County Nature Center at Central Park 20 hours per week.

STATUS: Seasonal, Hourly; Beginning as early as May 13th – Ending as late as August 30th (Beginning and ending dates are flexible within the above timeframe.)

SALARY: $10.25 per hour

GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION: Assist the Jones County Naturalist in carrying out environmental education programming and staffing the Central Park Nature Center. Seasonal Naturalist will gain valuable, practical experience in program development and implementation, leadership, and habitat management. The naturalist intern may assume assigned tasks of increasing responsibility.

DUTIES: Assist the Naturalist with planning and conducting nature interpretation and environmental education program activities for a wide range of audiences; plan and conduct public education programs and special events; assist with Nature Center exhibit maintenance and animal care; assist with habitat management such as prairie shrub removal and trail work; participate with publicity and public informational activities as assigned; assist with Nature Center host duties as assigned; maintain working relationships with other employees and the public; and perform related tasks as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES: Energetic, professional demeanor, positive attitude and motivation. Experience and passion working with youth and adults. Initiative to take on challenging tasks without being asked. Basic knowledge of ecology, biology, and local plants and animals. Good communication and leadership skills are a must. Adept at identifying and solving problems. Ability to share and teach information. Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds unassisted. Ability to stand, walk, sit, kneel, balance, climb, operate hand tools, work in a variety of weather conditions, and have the ability to follow written and oral instructions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High School senior or graduate. Some college coursework in the natural resource or education field preferred. Good communication and leadership skills. Natural resource, biology, and/or environmental education knowledge and basic knowledge of hand tools preferred. Ability to pass a background check. First aid and CPR certification (can be completed upon hiring).

TO APPLY: Submit a county application, resume and cover letter to Jones County Conservation Board, Attn: Naturalist, 12515 Central Park Rd, Center Junction, IA 52212. Position open until filled. Contact Michele at (563) 487-3541, Extension 3 to learn more. (Click here for the Jones County Employment Application) Jones County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Deadline: Open Until Filled