AmeriCorps Conservation Crew Member

Bur Oak Land Trust
Iowa City, IA 52246
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Job details

Salary
$1,166 a month
Job Type
Full-time
Number of hires for this role
9

Qualifications

- High school or equivalent (Preferred)
- Driver's License (Preferred)

Full Job Description

The mission of Bur Oak Land Trust is to protect and conserve natural areas to enrich and engage current and future generations. The Stewardship Technician will play an integral role on Bur Oak Land Trust’s stewardship team implementing aspects of numerous restoration projects, controlling invasive species across our 3-county service area, and improving nature preserve infrastructure including trail maintenance and design.

As such, the ability to perform well both in a team, and independently is crucial. We will ensure the Bur Oak Land Trust AmeriCorps member receives a well-rounded term of service, gains experience in nearly all aspects of nature preserve management, and an extensive introduction to nonprofit land trust organizations.

The Conservation Crew Member will improve the ecology and sustainability of Bur Oak Land Trust’s nature preserves and its partner organization’s natural lands by spending a majority of their time in the field performing on-the-ground work. Any given day may be extremely physically challenging.

AmeriCorps requires an eligible member must be 17 years old at the start of service with a high school diploma or GED, must be able to pass criminal and sex offender registry background checks, and must be a U.S. citizen.
Applications will be accepted until July 10, 2021 or until the positions are filled.

Service term: Sept. 2021 through Aug. 2022. The AmeriCorps member must complete 1,200 hours during the service term and maintain a 32-hour per week schedule, serving four days per week.

POSITION DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Habitat Restoration*:

- Complete National Wildfire Coordinating Group S-130/S-190/L-180 online wildland firefighting training and certification (provided)
- Participate in prescribed burns on prairie and woodland habitat
- Remove trees by chainsaw to reduce canopy cover and increase light penetration to the ground
- Plant native trees and shrubs, and seed native grass and forbs
- Conduct plant and animal surveys
- Create land management maps and plans with guidance from the Conservation Crew Leaders, Land Steward and Assistant Land Steward
- Coordinate with Crew Leaders, Land Steward and Assistant Land Steward on appropriate land management projects by season
- Complete wilderness first aid training (provided)

Invasive Species Management*:

- Complete Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship pesticide applicators training and licensure (provided)
- Use chemical and mechanical control methods to target invasive species including herbicide application, chainsawing and brush-cutting
- Serve with other staff and volunteers to remove invasive vegetation during scheduled volunteer work days on nature preserves

Infrastructure Improvement*:

- Complete chainsaw safety certification (provided)
- Install preserve infrastructure including signs, gates, boardwalks and kiosks
- Maintain trails of encroaching vegetation, overhanging trees, ruts, erosion or other trail issues under guidance from Crew Leaders and/or Land Steward/Assistant Land Steward

Environmental Education:

- Track national days of service and coordinate with Crew Leaders on projects to be completed on those days
- Coordinate Crew Leaders to identify opportunities to connect learning with stewardship efforts and link as appropriate
Job Type: Full-time

Pay: $1,166.00 per month

Schedule:
- 8 hour shift

Education:
- High school or equivalent (Preferred)

License/Certification:
- Driver's License (Preferred)

Work Location:
- One location

Work Remotely:
- No

To apply, click on the link below.