Job Title: Conservation Aide
Opening Date/Time: 1/25/21
Closing Date/Time: 2/21/21
Salary: $11.75/hour
Job Type: Seasonal, May – August 2021
Location: McFarland Park or Hickory Grove Park
Department: Conservation

Summary:
Multiple positions are available for the summer of 2021. These positions will offer opportunities in natural resource work, equipment use and park facility and grounds maintenance. The positions start May 11, 2021 and end approximately August 20, 2021. Accommodations may be made for school schedules. Positions are based at McFarland Park in Ames or at Hickory Grove Park in Colo.

Job Duties/Responsibilities:
Duties will include mowing, string trimming, chainsaw work, litter control, general carpentry, prairie maintenance and planting/pruning trees and shrubs.

Conservation aides will report/repair safety hazards; offer assistance and information to the public; assist park rangers with area monitoring; maintain working relationships with other employees and the public; attend mandatory safety training and staff meetings; and perform related tasks as assigned. Work will involve the operation of tractors, mowers/trimmers, chainsaws and power tools.

Hours will average 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday and may include some weekends and holidays.

Areas of Focus:
Aides will focus on park operations including mowing, trail maintenance, project development and natural resource management and restoration, including invasive species control and native vegetation management.

Qualifications:
Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, and have a current, valid driver’s license.

Employees will undergo post-offer, pre-employment background checks and drug screening.

Mandatory safety training is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

Additional Information:
A cover letter and resume must accompany the online application. [https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/storyia](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/storyia)
Job Title: Park Ranger Aide
Opening Date/Time: 1/25/21
Closing Date/Time: 2/21/21
Salary: $11.75/hour
Job Type: Seasonal, May – August 2021
Location: Hickory Grove Park, Colo or McFarland Park, Ames
Department: Conservation

Summary:
One position is available for the summer of 2021. The position offers opportunities in park patrol, rule enforcement, interaction with park visitors and general park maintenance and operations. The position will start May 11, 2020 and end approximately September 6, 2021. Accommodations may be made for school schedules.

Job Duties/Responsibilities:
The park ranger aide will patrol parks, visit with park users, collect camping receipts, enforce rules and assist with other various park projects and duties as required throughout the season.

Hours will average 40 hours per week. The standard work week is Wednesday-Sunday and work hours will typically be afternoon and evening. Weekend, holiday and evening work is required.

Qualifications:
Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a current, valid driver's license and be able to routinely lift 50 pounds. College level training in a natural resource field is preferred.

Employees will undergo post-offer, pre-employment background checks and drug screening.

Mandatory safety training is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

Additional Information:
A cover letter and resume must accompany the online application.
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/storyia
Summary:
Two positions will offer opportunities to observe and participate in nature interpretation, environmental education and outdoor public programming. Naturalists may assume assigned tasks of increased responsibility. Positions start approximately June 1, 2021 and will end approximately August 20, 2021.

Job Duties/Responsibilities:
Duties will include assisting staff with organizing and conducting outdoor recreation and environmental education programs; developing and facilitating nature camps (primarily for 4-13 year olds); designing displays for the conservation center; planning and leading indoor educational programs and outdoor classes for a variety of demographics as assigned; maintaining working relationships with other employees, volunteers and the public; attending mandatory safety training and staff meetings.

Duties may include attending professional workshops as assigned; caring for educational herptile collection; and performing job related tasks as assigned. (i.e. administrative, supply maintenance and cleaning).

Hours will average 40 hours per week and may include weekends, evenings and holidays.

Qualifications:
Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a current, valid driver’s license. Applicants must also have the ability to obtain a Class D chauffeur’s license by June 11, 2021. Education and/or experience in nature interpretation and environmental education is preferred; knowledge of natural resources and basic teaching skills is recommended.

Employees will undergo post-offer, pre-employment background checks and drug screening.

Mandatory safety training is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Additional Information:
A cover letter and resume must accompany the online application.
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/storyia
Job Title: Vegetation Management Aide
Opening Date/Time: 1/25/21
Closing Date/Time: 2/21/21
Salary: $13.00/hour
Job Type: Seasonal, May – August 2021
Location: Engineer’s Building, Nevada
Department: Conservation/IRVM

Summary:
Two positions are available for the summer of 2021. The positions offer opportunities to assist in implementing Story County’s Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program. Major emphasis is on native vegetation management, reconstruction in roadsides and restoration in roadsides, prairie remnants, open ditches and natural areas. Assigned tasks will utilize the latest trends in natural resource and vegetation management focusing on invasive species and brush control. The positions start May 11, 2021 and end approximately August 20, 2021. Early spring and/or fall employment opportunities may be available for qualified candidates.

Job Duties/Responsibilities:
Duties include, but are not limited to: planting native vegetation, conducting prescribed burns, controlling brush, mowing and applying herbicide. Other tasks include harvesting, cleaning and mixing prairie seed; maintaining tools, equipment and facilities; and documenting, mapping and assessing projects utilizing ArcMap GIS software. Vegetation management aides must maintain working relationships with the public and other employees. Various types of equipment utilized in these operations include: tractors, heavy duty trucks, UTVs, boom mowers, hydroseders, chemical sprayers, chainsaws and other related equipment.

Opportunities exist for aides to interact with private landowners and other conservation departments and attend workshops and seminars as assigned.

Hours will average 40 hours per week. The standard work week is Monday-Friday. Work hours may vary depending on weather conditions and some evening or early morning work may be necessary.

Qualifications:
Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a current, valid driver’s license. Applicants with a desire to understand and recognize Iowa’s native flora and fauna are preferred. Applicants must have the ability to obtain a category 6 pesticide applicator certification within the first two weeks of employment. Opportunities to obtain additional pesticide certifications or a commercial driver’s license may exist.

Employees will undergo post-offer, pre-employment background checks and drug screening.

Mandatory safety training is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

Additional Information:
A cover letter and resume must accompany the online application.
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