Wood Duck Field Crew Lead/Lead Technician (1): Georgia

Clemson University’s James C. Kennedy Waterfowl & Wetlands Conservation Center (https://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/kennedycenter/) and Nemours Wildlife Foundation (https://www.nemourswildlifefoundation.org) are seeking 8 field technicians for seasonal positions to assist with research studying wood duck (Aix sponsa) recruitment in Georgia. The technician will be employees of Clemson University. Wages are ~$1,500/month before taxes. Field housing, vehicle, and other necessary equipment will be provided. Application deadline is 24 March 2020 or until positions is filled.

Work will include

- Daily monitoring of wood duck nest structures
- Leg banding and aging nesting hens
- Candling eggs to estimate hatch date
- Web tagging and sexing day old ducklings
- Microbial sampling of nest boxes
- Measuring multiple habitat and box variables of nest box structures

Other duties may be expected as assigned by supervising graduate student Jacob Shurba of Clemson University and research coordinators, Beau Bauer, Nemours Wildlife Foundation and Dr. Rick Kaminski (Kennedy Center). These positions will begin in early to early-May 2020 and may continue through mid-August 2020. Start and end dates may be flexible.

Preferred applicants should possess a B.S. or M.S. in wildlife biology, ecology, natural resources management or related field or be pursuing such a degree and have experience in, or express willingness to learn, duties outlined above. Applicants also should be familiar with, or willing to learn, how to properly operate motorized boats, trailers, and 4WD vehicles. Proficiency in Microsoft Excel and Google apps is preferred. Applicants should be able to swim and be willing to work in humid subtropical conditions. Caution to candidates with allergies to bees/wasps/other insects/snakes etc. that these animals are encountered frequently in nest boxes and wetland environments of the study areas. Applicants must be hardworking, observant, cooperative, detail oriented, and able to work as a team or independently.
To Apply:

Please email a 1-page cover letter, CV/resume, and contact information for three references in a single PDF document to Jacob Shurba at jshurba@g.clemson.edu. Insert Wood Duck Technician in subject line.