



Summer Land Steward Job Description

Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled

Hour Requirements: This position works for 12 weeks at 35 hours a week.

Compensation: \$14-\$17/hour commensurate with experience

The Seasonal Land Steward performs duties necessary for the maintenance and upkeep of lands owned and managed by The Nature Institute (TNI), including the Mississippi Sanctuary, Cypress Pond, the Savanna, Hutchinson Bird Sanctuary, Olin Nature Preserve, and Heartland Prairie. Duties include but are not limited to building and facilities maintenance, turf management, and habitat management. The Seasonal Land Steward will work closely with the Stewardship Director and will follow policies set forth by the Board of Directors and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. This position will require occasionally variable hours (including weekends) to assist in stewardship, education, and outreach programs.

Essential Duties:

- Execute habitat management and habitat project plans under the supervision of the Stewardship Director. Tasks include cutting, spraying, brush hogging, and burning. Basic plant identification will be encouraged. The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission guidelines will be used as a guide to perform habitat management tasks
- Perform grounds keeping on turf management areas. Tasks include mowing, weed eating, spraying herbicide, seeding, tree trimming, removing downed trees and limbs, removing stumps, and performing other turf management tasks as need arises
- Assist with maintenance and repairs of buildings, facilities, equipment, tools, trails, and roads
- Operate tools and equipment to perform turf management, habitat management, and facilities maintenance tasks. Tools and equipment include vehicles, utilities vehicles, mowers, tractors, chainsaws, brush cutters, shop saws, leaf blowers, sprayers, brush cutters, and power tools.
- Inspect and maintain trails and roads. Tasks include clearing downed trees and limbs, removing trash, and assisting the Land Steward and Stewardship Director with other tasks.
- Monitor, install, and repair signage on TNI properties
- Assist education and outreach staff with projects when need arises
- Assist Stewardship Director in supervising interns and volunteers
- Follow safe working practices and make appropriate use of related safety equipment, as required.

Apply for this Job:

Please apply at www.TheNatureInstitute.org/now-hiring. A resume and cover letter must be uploaded in order for the application to be considered complete. If you have any questions about the position, email Rebekah at rhelmich@thenatureinstitute.org.

If you have any questions you can contact Rebekah at the email above or call 618-466-9930.