



Schlitz Audubon
Nature Center

SUMMER LAND STEWARD - POSITION DESCRIPTION

OVERVIEW

[Schlitz Audubon Nature Center](#) conserves our land's diverse habitats on Lake Michigan and provides meaningful experiences and environmental education for all. Located nine miles north of downtown Milwaukee on the shore of Lake Michigan, the Center offers six miles of trails that take visitors through 185 unique acres of forests, wetlands, restored prairies, ravines, bluffs and a shoreline beach. Annually, Schlitz Audubon serves over 145,000 visitors and nearly 27,000 children who participate in our nature science programs. Over 140 preschoolers are enrolled throughout the school year in our nationally recognized preschool. In addition, thousands of adults and families attend our educational programs year round. The Center building received the first Gold LEED certification award in the State of Wisconsin. Schlitz Audubon is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

The Summer Land Steward will provide support to the Center's Resource Ecologist and help implement Schlitz Audubon's Conservation Plan. S/he will gain professional skills related to the management and restoration of the Center's lands.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Lead volunteers in managing the diverse natural systems on the property, to include: controlling invasive plant populations; monitoring wildlife populations; removing hazard trees; cultivating, planting, pruning, and watering of native species; applying herbicides and other stewardship duties as assigned.
- Maintain land management logs, equipment, and materials inventories.
- Research restoration methods and work with GIS and GPS to facilitate and track land management projects.
- Assist in the training and supervision of interns.
- Safely operate, maintain and repair hand tools, power tools and heavy equipment.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Undergraduate degree in the Natural Sciences or related work experience.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills, as well as a desire to learn about land stewardship and restoration.
- Good mechanical ability.
- Basic knowledge of ecology and restoration principles.
- Familiarity with the native and invasive plants of the region.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT USE

- Ability to perform tasks requiring physical exertion, outdoors, in all weather conditions and on difficult terrain.
- Must be able to lift 50 pounds and carry a 35-pound backpack for extended periods.
- Ability to stand, stoop, bend, and carry loads.
- Ability to travel and work at more than one site including the possession of a valid driver's license.
- Must be able to work weekdays and Saturdays.

HOURS

Seasonal, Non-exempt, full-time 40 hours per/week.

TO APPLY

Send cover letter and resume to Marc White at mwhite@schlitzaudubon.org with *Summer Land Steward* in the subject line.