



Schlitz Audubon
Nature Center

LAND MANAGEMENT INTERN (UNPAID) 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 (EOE).

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

Student interns will receive hands-on experience in natural areas management to further the development of the interns towards their professional trajectory. This position is designed to ground the individual with professional skill-sets related to ecological land management. The knowledge gained should carry-over to other environments/systems in their career futures. The Center's Land Management Intern assists the Center's Land Manager with the ecological restoration of the entire grounds.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Under supervision of the resource ecologist, assists 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 insecticides as needed
- Maintain Land Management Log, equipment, and materials inventories
- Learn restoration methods and work with GIS and GPS programs to facilitate and track land management projects
- Assist in the training and supervision of volunteer land stewards
- Safely operate power and heavy equipment; maintain and repair restoration equipment

QUALIFICATIONS

- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Desire to learn
- Earning a degree in the Natural Sciences or related work experience
- Mechanical ability
- Basic knowledge of ecology and restoration principles

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, Must possess a valid driver's license
- Must be able to work in rain, heat, buggy conditions etc; traverse steep ravine slopes

HOURS

Seasonal position with a flexible schedule 20-40 hours per/week

TO APPLY

Send cover letter and resume to Marc White at mwhite@schlitzaudubon.org with "Land Management Intern Position" in the subject line.