



Friends of the St. Clair River Stewardship Internship Description

Department: Stewardship

Employment Type: Temporary, seasonal

Minimum Experience: Entry-level

Duration: Seasonal

Location: St. Clair County

Compensation/ Stipend: None

Application deadline: TBD

Link to this position description: <https://www.scriver.org/volunteer-internship-career/>

Position Summary

This position will experience a dynamic, fast growing environmental non-profit organization while ensuring Friends of the St. Clair River's (Friends) programs and operations have adequate support, growth and engagement.

This temporary, seasonal work experience is designed to develop skills appropriate within a natural resources/ecology/wildlife biology/environmental education-related field, gain knowledge about local watershed health, and to become an environmental champion for St. Clair County's natural resources.

You will learn the importance of habitat protection and restoration in both urban and rural settings and private and public spaces. You will help with removal of terrestrial invasive species, as well as site preparation, propagation and planting of native plants to improve biodiversity. Other duties may include volunteer management, weeding, invasive and native species monitoring and mapping, and assisting with other citizen science activities. This position works alongside, and occasionally leading, volunteer groups of various sizes and ages. Must be willing to work occasional evenings and weekends. On-site and virtual training is ongoing throughout the internship.

Primary Responsibilities

- Work closely with the Stewardship Director
- Manage natural areas and native landscaping
- Restore and maintain the natural areas at numerous habitat management sites in accordance with habitat management plans
- Help train and oversee community volunteer Stewards
- Support plant and animal research and monitoring efforts; checking forms and specimens and inputting data
- Facilitate monitoring projects for volunteers, including but not limited to: birds, herpetofauna, macroinvertebrates. Additional opportunities include water quality monitoring and independent research projects.

- Work closely with staff to help communicate scientific data through photographs, blogs, short videos, infographics, and other forms of communication.
- Perform additional land restoration duties as assigned. Assist with data collection, reports, programs, projects as needed.

Qualifications

High school diploma minimum; plus working towards or completed college-level classes and/or learning (course work, certifications, associate, bachelors or graduate degree) in natural sciences, natural resources, ecological restoration, environmental education, nonprofits. Previous experience working with volunteers or volunteering is preferred. Strong communication skills, self-motivation and an ability to work independently are required. Physical ability for various activities such as lifting, carrying equipment and working outdoors in various weather conditions. Excellent written and oral communication skills are needed, along with a friendly, outgoing personality. Applicants should be well organized with an attention to detail.

- Must have basic computer skills including spreadsheets and data entry
- Must have a valid Michigan driver's license and have reliable transportation
- Must be in good physical condition and move about for extended periods of time and tolerate a wide range of weather conditions

Apply To:

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