Natural Resources Job

Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps/AmeriCorps Stewardship Crews are part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division resource protection team. If you are interested in ecological restoration and natural resources management this may be the opportunity for you.

POSITION: MCCC Stewardship Crew, **Island Lake Recreation Area**
PAY RATE: Corps Member: $8.15 an hour
GRANT AWARD: Educational Grant Awards up to $5,645
WORK SCHEDULE Monday-Thursday, 10-hour days. Jobs may include overnight travel and weekend work.
DUTIES:

- Control invasive plants within various state parks. Control techniques will likely include:
  - Cutting brush and trees with a chainsaw, clearing saw, bow saw, or other equipment
  - Removing brush and woody debris by means of chipping or brush pile burning
  - Applying herbicide to stumps and/or foliage
- Hand pulling plants and/or mowing or trimming herbaceous vegetation
- Assist in conducting prescribed burns.
- Collect seed from various native plants by hand and/or various mechanical means.
- Assist with planting efforts to reestablish native plants and plant communities.
- Assist in rare and endangered species recovery efforts.
- Assist with and/or lead volunteer work days.

POSITION INFORMATION: This six person stewardship crew will implement ecological restoration and other resource management (stewardship) activities on state parks and recreation areas. Work will benefit some of the most significant and threatened natural resources in Michigan, including prairie fens, oak barrens, and lakeplain prairies. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience in ecological restoration. Crew members should understand and appreciate the non-financial rewards of helping to preserve Michigan's natural resources for this and future generations.

ABOUT MCCC/AMERICORPS: MCCC Crew members will also have the opportunity to join AmeriCorps, the domestic program of the Peace Corps. AmeriCorps provides educational grants upon completion of set time requirements. The education award may be used for any qualifying form of higher education from vocational training to graduate school, or may be used to repay existing student loans. Other benefits include paid personal annual leave and paid administrative leave for career development and job searches.

***QUALIFICATIONS*:**

- Applicants must be between 18 and 27 years of age and meet all MCCC requirements to qualify.
- Minimum of high school graduate.
- Willing to use herbicides. Must be willing to obtain a pesticide applicator certification.
- Willingness to safely use power equipment, including clearing and chain saws. (training provided).
- Good physical condition to conduct long days of strenuous field work, often under adverse conditions in remote areas. Must be able to endure biting insects and work in all weather conditions.
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team environment and with the public.
- Must pass a physical examination/fitness test, to work on prescribed burns.
- Be safety conscious (obey all safety instructions and guidelines) and committed to restoration and general stewardship of the natural ecosystems within Michigan State Parks.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Applications are accepted year round for positions of various lengths at different times of the year.
- Job applications are available at the Michigan DNR website.
- Resumes and applications can be mailed or emailed to the following:

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