Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah
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Native Plant Nursery / Habitat Restoration Techniques
Fall 2013 Internship Agreement

Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah (FBP) plans and implements native habitat restoration and enhancement projects in the Mt. Pisgah area. We use a variety of techniques, such as native plant propagation, invasive species control, prescribed fire, survey and monitoring, and others to help restore and enhance native riparian, upland, and prairie habitats.

FBP’s native plant nursery is the primary source for native seed and plants used to enhance and restore these native habitats. Plant materials at the nursery have originated from the park and are adapted to specific local site conditions. Many of the plants are not available from any other source. Nursery work will be a significant part of the internship. Interns will also have the opportunity to visit a variety of habitat types in the park and learn to identify both native and non-native plant species.

Student interns generally work under supervision of staff and/or lead volunteers. **Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9AM and noon are optimum for this field internship.** Additional hours may be scheduled if needed. Interns meet at the Native Plant Nursery for field activities. Car transportation is necessary as there is no bus to the park and bike routes are dangerous. Carpooling gets extra points! Directions below.

Interns may assist with all aspects of nursery operations and field restoration operations including:

- **Invasive plant control** (primarily manual removal)
- **Propagation** (sowing, transplanting, seed harvest & cleaning)
- **Inventory** (counting, weighing, labeling, sorting)
- **Maintenance** (weeding, mowing, trimming, mulching, falling, irrigation)
- **Survey / Monitoring** (population inventories, effectiveness monitoring, etc.)
- **Research / Documentation** (compiling information on ethnobotanical uses or ecological characteristics of plants)
- **Sales** (staffing sales and information tables, preparing inventory for sale, recording sales, re-stocking inventory)
- **Outreach** (presenting or serving as an ambassador at special events, tours, etc.)

**Interns are expected to:**

- Maintain a regular work schedule to complete target hours as agreed upon.
- Follow instructions and directions and communicate clearly.
- Complete or make progress on priority tasks as assigned.
- Log all hours spent working on the internship, including field, office and other hours.
- Wear appropriate clothing, which may include boots and rain gear, and supply personal drinking water.
- Attend to personal safety with regard to mild hazards such as insects, rodents, reptiles, heat, cold, sharp tools, and power equipment.
- Ask questions, discuss problems, report any injuries promptly.
Conscientious interns who communicate regularly and fulfill their duties responsibly will gain valuable work experience in this field and can expect to receive a positive recommendation from the Volunteer Coordinator. To sign up, fill in the form below and email to volunteer@bufordpark.org or call the FBP office at 541-344-8350. Plan to start the internship the first Tuesday of the term. Field supervisor is Hal Hushbeck, Stewardship Assistant with Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah.

NAME:
EMAIL:
PHONE:
ADDRESS:
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT:
TERM(S) FOR THIS INTERNSHIP:

# of credits this internship is registered for:

Typically, 30 clock-hours are required for each hour of academic credit. What is your intended weekly schedule for completing the hours required for this internship?

I agree to do my best to meet the expectations listed above.

Signature: ____________________________   Date:

DIRECTIONS TO NURSERY
From I-5 heading south: Take the 30th avenue (LCC) exit. At the first stoplight, stay to the right, heading south on the road paralleling the freeway, approximately 3/4 mile to another stoplight. Turn L and cross over I-5. Turn L again at the blinking red light. Take the first R just past the gas station onto Franklin Blvd. (Hwy 99). Go under the railroad bridge. Take the next left onto Seavey Loop Road. Continue east about 2 miles. Cross bridge over the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, entering Howard Buford Recreation Area (a Lane County Park.) For the native plant nursery and North Trailhead, turn L and proceed 1/4 mile to a gravel parking area. Walk or drive past the left of two yellow gates (normally leave closed but unlocked) to the nursery.