

Citizen Scientists Needed for Monarch Butterfly and Milkweed Surveys!

The Walama Restoration Project is seeking interns and volunteers for Spring and Summer 2018 to conduct field surveys for monarch butterflies and their host plant (milkweed). Field sites are located in Willamette National Forest, approximately 1.5-2 hours east of Eugene and Corvallis. Survey crews will be trained in vegetation and butterfly surveying protocols that are widely utilized by the National Forest Service and other Federal, state, and local land management agencies, and will gain valuable experience in plant and insect identification, vegetation mapping, and field data collection.

Participants may work up to 16 days in the field from May through mid-July. The minimum commitment for interns is 4 full days (32 total hours). Field work is contingent on weather, so some flexibility will be necessary. Crews will be mentored and accompanied by our Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, and other professional ecologists. This is a great opportunity to build your resume if you're interested in a career in field ecology!

Requirements

- Strong interest in conservation, habitat restoration, and/or ecology
- Ability to hike for 8+ hours across steep terrain in the Western Cascades (participants must provide their own rain gear, lunches, backpacks, and appropriate footwear)
- Willingness to use a personal vehicle is preferred
- Access to a smartphone (iOS or Android) for field data collection. Data will be collected using a free app (Avenza)
- Note that this is an unpaid position and applicants must be 18+ years of age

To apply for an internship, send a resume and 2 professional or personal references to maya@walamarestoration.org. We do not require a resume, etc. for volunteers. Please indicate in your application materials if you intend to receive university credits for internship hours