Wildlife Area Intern
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Location: Based at Summer Lake Wildlife Area (Summer Lake, OR); Work to be conducted on Summer Lake Wildlife Area and locations as needed.

Housing provided

Duration: Not to Exceed Three Months (July 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015)

Job Description: Primary duties will be to provide a student intern with on the job training experiences related to wildlife area/habitat management and operations. The benefit of this position is to recruit, train and provide skills to potential employees seeking careers in wildlife management.

Student will gain the ability to develop and refine academic and professional goals as well as understand the structure and operation of a wildlife area and natural resource agency programs.

Internship experience will help identify academic strengths and weaknesses and enhance opportunities for future professional employment.

Intern will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of facilities and wildlife habitat management, and related wildlife management projects focused primarily on wetlands and waterbirds, public use facilities and acquire hands-on skills.

Working Duties
1. Assists SLWA staff (3 full time & 1 seasonal employees) with habitat maintenance and management to include:
   - Culture and irrigation of plantings and crops.
   - Noxious weed control through herbicide spraying and mechanical means.
   - Repair and maintain dikes, levees and water control structures.
   - Mowing of undesirable vegetation.
   - Maintain and improve roads, trails and public use facilities.
   - Operates, maintains and repairs heavy equipment such as tractors, dozers, backhoe, grader, loader and a wide variety of implements. (30%)
2. Assists SLWA staff in buildings, grounds, and facilities maintenance to include:
   • Preventative and corrective maintenance/ repairs using hand tools and power equipment, painting, mowing.
   • Cleans restrooms, restocks supplies and collects trash at campgrounds, Headquarters Facility/Office and parking areas.
   • Picks up and disposes of garbage and litter.
   • Posts signs (30%)

3. Assists SLWA staff in conducting biological and habitat inventories to include:
   • Waterfowl and other waterbird surveys.
   • Capture and band waterfowl, doves and other waterbirds.
   • Measure water flows and levels. (20%)

4. Meets the public to provide assistance, information and answer questions (5%).

5. Records and maintains a record of daily activities. (5%)

6. Other duties, opportunities and training as available and assigned to include assisting District wildlife and fisheries staff with inventories and special projects. (10%)

**Work Conditions**
Frequently works outside during inclement weather (hot, cold, wet), required to work before and after daylight (at times), occasionally required to work on weekends. Overnight stays and camping are sometimes required in remote areas.

**Requirements**
Applicants must have a valid driver license and an acceptable driving record.

This position requires a **flexible work schedule** that varies in the number of hours worked on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, or a work schedule in which the starting and stopping times vary on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, and does not exceed forty (40) hours in a workweek. Work exceeding 40 hours per week requires prior approval by the supervisor. Dealings with public, local residents and other agency personnel are frequent and a well-developed sense of diplomacy is required.

**Questions:**
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