RIVER CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

An educational partnership program of the St. Croix River Association and the National Park Service at the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Land Program Assistant Intern

Application Deadline: Applications will be reviewed and considered as they are received, so apply soon! Applications must be submitted by February 20.

The St. Croix River Association (SCRA) is currently recruiting applicants for two land program assistant internships at the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway during the summer of 2015. The Riverway, one of the nation’s first wild and scenic rivers, is a National Park consisting of 255 river miles that flow through some of the most scenic and least developed country in the Upper Midwest. [www.nps.gov/sacn](http://www.nps.gov/sacn)

SCRA ([www.stcroixriverassociation.org](http://www.stcroixriverassociation.org)) is a nonprofit organization that protects, restores and celebrates the St. Croix River and its watershed. It partners with the National Park Service as the Riverway’s Friends Group and others so that the St. Croix is a place where

- Waters run free and clean
- Habitat remains plentiful to sustain our unique and diverse flora and fauna
- People have access to our National Park and the park flourishes
- Towns throughout the basin thrive and people celebrate the river

Description of Internship

These positions are with the Riverway’s Division of Resource Protection and are supervised by the chief ranger. They provide students with practical work experience in the field of land management via on-site scenic easement monitoring and using GIS and other computer tools to develop maps and other useful products which can be taken into the field to be used in the monitoring of these scenic easements.

Major Duties

Interns work with the lands specialist to conduct monitoring of scenic easements at the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Through initial and ongoing training interns will learn to:

- Update the scenic easement database with current owner information, creating field information folders for each easement parcel and scanning archive tract documents into electronic files.
- Monitor scenic easements in the field. This involves oral and written communication with landowners. Skill with a camera, GPS, and observation will be needed.
- GIS interpretation and analysis and creation of maps and other tools which can be taken into the field to identify changes to scenic easement properties that will aid staff in identifying violations.

Benefits

- Food and expense allowance
- Free housing provided for duration of internship.
• Training in kayak skills and CPR/1st Aid.
• Up to $1200 paid for 3 college credits.
• A season’s experience working for the National Park Service.
• With 250 hours worked, you will receive a National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass that provides access to more than 2,000 recreation areas managed by five Federal agencies (valid for 12 months after issue)

Skills Required
• Must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
• College student or recent graduate (spring 2015 graduation) with coursework in natural, physical or cultural sciences; resource interpretation; natural or cultural resource management; outdoor recreation; or park/recreation management.
• General knowledge of the National Park Service or St. Croix National Scenic Riverway is helpful.
• Ability to work well both independently and as part of a team, be detail-oriented and organized, and follow oral and written directions.
• Good oral and written communication skills. Ability to provide information and safety messages to visitors.
• Basic computer familiarity, work with GIS is preferable.
• Valid state driver's license is required.
• Ability to lift and carry up to 25 pounds independently, and up to 50 pounds with assistance.

Work Site and Conditions:
• Intern will be based at the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Headquarters in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin.
• Work in the field is required and will involve some physical activity, including walking, standing for long periods of time, and paddling a kayak or canoe at various locations.
• An internship of 12-14 weeks is preferred. Flexibility in length of the internship is negotiable with prior approval.
• Some evening work may be necessary.
• A fingerprint and background check is required.

How to Apply:

Send all of the following information:
  1. Cover letter. State the internship you are applying for. Why are you interested in the internship and working at the Riverway?
  2. Detailed resume, including work experience.

Email to:
Marceleen Mosher, River Connections Steward
St. Croix River Association
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(715) 483-3300

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