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

Resource Management 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 resource management 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. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/sacn

SCRA (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 Division of Resource Management and are supervised on site in the districts. They provide students with practical work experience in resource management in a national park.

Major Duties

Interns work with resource management and other park staff to gain a deeper understanding of the resource and perform biological work to protect the Riverway. Interns will learn to:

- Assist with invasive and non-native plant control using hand tools and herbicides. Sites would be accessed by vehicle, canoe/kayak, and on foot.
- Assist with terrestrial restoration activities.
- May assist with resource monitoring activities, including water quality monitoring and breeding bird monitoring.
- May assist with aquatic species research and monitoring activities, including fish and native mussel surveys.
- Provide outreach on resource management projects, issues, and resources to the general public.

Benefits

- Food and expense allowance
- Free housing provided for duration of internship.
• Training in paddling skills and CPR/1st Aid.
• Up to $1200 paid for 3 college credits
• A season’s experience working with 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 to follow oral and written directions.
• Good oral and written communication skills.
• Basic computer familiarity.
• 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:

• Interns will be based at either St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Headquarters in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, or the upper district office in Trego, Wisconsin.
• Work in the field is required and will involve some physical activity, including walking, standing for long periods of time, carrying a 3-gallon backpack sprayer, and paddling a kayak or canoe at a variety of park locations.
• An internship of 12-14 weeks is preferred. Flexibility in length of the internship is negotiable with prior approval.
• 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 and your preferred location. 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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