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 21.

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 2014. 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

SCRA 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

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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 protecting land through on-site monitoring and GIS analysis of 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 of aerial/satellite information 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 3 college credits paid.
- A season’s experience working for the National Park Service.

**Skills Required**

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- College student 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.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to follow oral and written directions.
- 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.
- Ability to provide information and safety messages to visitors.

**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 a variety of park locations.
- An internship of 12-14 weeks is preferred. Flexibility in length of the internship is negotiable with prior approval.
- Some weekend and 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:
Deb Ryun, Executive Director
St. Croix River Association
debryun@scramail.com
(715) 483-3300

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