

Richland County Park District Natural Resources Internship Fran & Warren Rupp Fund - Richland County Foundation

Job Description

The Richland County Park District internship will allow the intern to immerse themselves in the day-to-day operations and inner workings of a county park district. The intern will work directly with the natural resources manager and park director to achieve goals set for properties managed by the park district. There will be many additional opportunities to experience indoor and outdoor activities relating to natural history programming, animal care, administrative duties, and much more. Interns will also work alongside the park district education director, volunteers, and other interns.

Primary, daily duties will include, but not be limited to:

- Land and trail maintenance
- Exotic/Invasive species control and removal
- Herbicide application
- Assisting with hands-on research, surveying and monitoring biotic inventories of park properties
- Utilizing and assisting with preventative maintenance of power equipment & other heavy machinery

Additional duties will include:

- Assisting with prescribed burns, restoration or enhancement of natural areas, brush hogging/mowing and other land management techniques
- Interaction with the general public: answering phones, directing visitors and interpreting nature center information
- Assisting with and conducting natural history programming
- Working with and caring for educational and display animals
- Assisting with and conducting natural history programming

General Qualifications Required

The application process is open to high school (currently enrolled or enrolling in some form of pre-college coursework), undergraduate, and graduate students. Preference will be given to applicants with a background in the natural sciences (biology, botany, environmental studies, conservation science, ecology, etc.).

Internship Specific Qualifications Required

- Experience working outdoors in natural settings (forests, fields, wetlands, etc.)
- Ability to lift at least 50 pounds
- General familiarity with power tools, equipment (chainsaw, etc.) and heavy machinery (mowers, tractors, etc.)
- Limited gardening/horticulture knowledge and skills

* Preference given to applicants with knowledge of local invasive plant species

Organization Summary

Richland County Park District

The Richland County Park District is dedicated to introducing and interpreting our region's natural heritage to the citizens of Richland County. Our goal is pursued by preserving natural areas for people to experience, and by providing opportunities for people of all ages to learn about the rich diversity of life and habitats in our county. The Richland County Park District operates several facilities including the Gorman Nature Center, the Richland B&O Trail, and Fleming Falls Park & Preserve.

Website: <https://richlandcountyparks.com/>

Facebook: Richland County Park District

Hours & Compensation

Compensation: \$4,200.00

Hours: Wage (per hour) and work schedule (per week) to be determined between the director and the intern over the course of the summer. Will be responsible for work throughout the week and occasional weekends.

Contact Information & Application Process

Resume and cover letter can be delivered in person or sent via mail or e-mail by April 1.

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