Job Announcement

Job Title: Emerging Leader
Reports to: Conservation Corps Crew Manager

Organization:
Mission: Friends of the Forest Preserves is the voice of a diverse community inspiring and organizing people to protect, restore, and expand the forest preserves in Cook County. Friends is an independent non-profit organization with more than 2,000 members and thousands of volunteers, advocating for the responsible management of the 69,000 acres of forest preserves in Cook County through advocacy, conservation corps programs, community outreach, and volunteer empowerment.

Friends is an organization that gets things done with our members, volunteers, staff, board, and partners. We believe in work-life balance and are here for the marathon, not the sprint (not that we don’t sprint on a regular basis).

Location: Friends of the Forest Preserves is seeking Emerging Leaders for the Calumet Crew in South Holland.

Position:
The Emerging Calumet Leaders will participate in Friends of the Forest Preserves’ Conservation Corps program. The Emerging Calumet Leaders will work every Saturday for 4 months (14 workdays) to remove invasive species and restore native plants throughout the Forest Preserves of Cook County alongside stewards and volunteers. A portion of Emerging Calumet Leader’s time each week will be dedicated to community outreach and volunteer recruitment.

The Emerging Calumet Leader’s will collaborate on a team that consist of 4 Crew Members, an Assistant Crew Manager and a Crew Manager on Saturday workdays. This team will work outdoors removing invasive species and conducting other physical work to restore health to the preserves, as well as, advocacy and recruiting volunteers.

Conservation Corps Dates:
December 2, 2017 – March 10, 2018 (~3 months; 7.5 hours per week);
Weekly: 3.5 hours of volunteer recruitment
14 Saturdays, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm each day

Basic Requirements:
1. Must be a high school student between 14 and 18 years of age.
2. Strong interest in learning about conservation and working outdoors.
3. Must be punctual and responsible with an ability to work with others as a team.
4. Ability to lift 50 pounds and work outside in inclement weather and extreme temperatures.
5. Some flexibility in work hours and on Saturday work days.
6. Must be able to work independently to complete volunteer outreach and recruitment.
7. Ability to use hand saw and loppers.
8. Ability to meet at Sand Ridge Nature Center, 19891 Paxton Ave, South Holland IL, 60473

**Benefits:**
1. $10 per hour
2. Exposure to agencies and professionals with the potential for long-term career connections.

**For more information and to apply:**
Visit our website at [www.fotfp.org/jobs](http://www.fotfp.org/jobs) to apply. The online application will close on November 27th, 2017. Please NO calls, faxes, or office visits.

**Women, minorities, and seniors are strongly encouraged to apply.**
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