POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Conservation Corps Crew Member - Fox River Crew

Reports to: Crew Manager
Open until filled | Start Date: ASAP
Salary: $13-$16 per hour depending on credentials, certifications, and experience
Schedule: Full time, 36 hours per week; 6 am to 3:30 pm, Monday-Thursday; one Saturday per month; schedule may vary depending on the season

Organization:

Mission: We unite people to protect, promote, and care for the forest preserves in Cook County.

Our community advocates for the responsible management of the nearly 70,000 acres of forest preserves in Cook County through advocacy, engagement, and stewardship of the land. Some of the best natural areas in Illinois are right here in Cook County, right outside your urban backdoor. Join our team and help us ensure they are here for the next 100 years.

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).

Operating Budget: $3,200,000

Summary: Friends of the Forest Preserves seeks a crew member to participate in the Friends Conservation Corps. Conservation Corps members work year-round to remove invasive species and restore native plants throughout the forest preserves in Cook County. We are seeking crew members from diverse communities for a program that provides valuable skills and certifications that could lead to a long-term career in natural land management or other environmental jobs.

Crew members will collaborate as a team of three crew members, an assistant crew manager, and a crew manager. Crew members are expected to complete trainings and participate in group presentations at local conferences and events.

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Required Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Strong interest in learning about conservation and working outdoors.
- Must be punctual and responsible with ability to work well with others.
- Ability to lift and move heavy objects (50 lbs.) and work outside in inclement weather and extreme temperatures.
- Must have ability to obtain State of Illinois Pesticide Operator License and First Aid/CPR certification, FPCC Feller I Chainsaw Certification, FOTFP Chainsaw Certification, and Chicago Wilderness Prescription Burn Training Certification.
- Some flexibility in work hours including weekend work is required.
- Experience working outdoors and familiarity with Midwest outdoor conservation work preferred.
- Ability to meet at Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington, IL.

Benefits

- Starting at $13 with possibility to increase to $16 per hour depending on credentials, certifications, and experience.
- 50% cost share of health and dental insurance.
- Short- and long-term disability, and $100,000 of life insurance coverage.
- Professional trainings and certifications.
- Exposure to agencies and professionals with potential for long-term career connections.
- Paid personal and sick time.

To apply, send cover letter, resume, and two references to: Stephan Vandenbroucke, Fox River Crew Manager at stephan@fotfp.org. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please NO calls, faxes, office visits, or emails (other than email presenting application).

Women, minorities, and seniors are strongly encouraged to apply. Friends of the Forest Preserves is an equal opportunity employer that considers applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, or sexual orientation (in addition to observing all legal protection of special status). Friends is an equal opportunity employer promoting diversity in the environmental community.