



Position Title: Summer Project Leader

Position Service Site: Kenosha County Park System

Service Time: April 25, 2022 – August 26th, 2022 40 hrs/wk 675 hours total

Benefits: Living stipend total for whole term = \$6,040.08. Education Award = \$2,474.27 upon successful completion of service.

Requirements: Covid-19 vaccine highly recommended

OVERVIEW: Established in 1927, the Kenosha County Parks system offers more than 1,500 acres of managed recreational land at eight parks dotted across the county, plus 14 miles of paved cycling trails. The mission of the Kenosha County Parks Division is to provide accessible, diverse venues throughout the County that encourage the pursuit of healthy, recreational and educational outdoor activities while promoting the preservation of our community's natural resources. View the full mission statement [here](#).

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The Member will be responsible for providing opportunities through the Kenosha County Summer Youth Program. They will spend a majority of their time in the field leading projects alongside youth crews and crew counselors. Members will also accomplish meaningful outdoor conservation projects and gain experience in other areas of conservation while exploring career options. The Member will be supported and mentored by Kenosha County Parks headquarters staff and leaders throughout their term of service. The member will spend two weeks at the beginning of June at WisCorps' Crew Leader Training, lodging and food will be provided during this training.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Community Improvement & Programming

- Hands on community leadership
- Plan/organize/motivate/mentor small crews (10-15 members & 3-5 counselors)
- Participate in basic park improvement projects
- Leadership with Summer Youth Employment Program (June to September)
- Maintaining natural and prairie areas throughout Kenosha
- Participating in herbicide treatments
- Manual invasive species removal
- Attend and lead invasive species outings
- Organize and develop annual maintenance programs for natural areas/ prairies
- Categorize and document native species within forested areas
- Develop standard operating procedures for prairie areas
- Create hiking trails, build boardwalks and bridges, & close unsustainable trails
- Prune and fell trees

- Assist with planning, scheduling, teaching and general supervision of program
- Complete program and event evaluations

Program Marketing

- Assist in creating publicity for programs and events
- Assist in distribution of publicity for upcoming events
- Assist with marketing on an as needed basis
- Assist with scheduling and supervision of projects
- Make sure appropriate records are being kept as needed

Career Exploration/Conservation Skills

- Construction and maintenance of trails for access for individuals of all abilities
- Non-native plant removal and disposal as well as re-vegetation of native plants
- Restoration and improvement of area ecosystems as related to assigned tasks

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Leadership experience as summer camp counselor, trip leader, mentor, tutor, resident assistant, or other related experience
- Experience in outdoor recreation
- Passionate about environmental causes and creating community surrounding environmental service
- Understanding of or willingness to learn various conservation practices or land management techniques
- Enjoys hard work and has a good sense of humor
- Ability to problem-solve, make decisions and think creatively
- Proficient communication skills
- Possess a valid driver's license and an excellent driving record
- Enthusiastic, creative and flexible.