Title: Invasives Species Strike Team Specialist - Central and Finger Lakes Regions

May 29 - August 20, 2014
$10.78 per hour - 12 weeks
3 positions available

Location:

Position will require some travel using agency vehicle. Starting work location will rotate between Central Region headquarters at Clark Reservation State Park in Jamesville, NY and Green Lakes State Park in Fayetteville, NY during the 12-week period.

Description:

Invasive Species Strike Team Specialists are expected to work as a team under the Invasive Species Strike Team Supervisor to perform daily field work activities. Specialists will be working as a crucial component of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) statewide Invasive Species Management Program. Strike teams perform surveys, manual plant removals, education and other activities as assigned on State Park lands. Projects are prioritized and vary from rare plant protection to larger scale partnership projects.

Strike teams will travel across assigned OPRHP Regions – Central and Finger Lakes, and will be expected to camp when necessary, with occasional work on weekends. See http://nysparks.com/regions/default.aspx for OPRHP regional information.

There will be five Invasive Species Strike Teams statewide, all working independently towards the same Agency goals.

Duties:

Primary duties include manual removal of invasive species, field data collection and entry, surveying backcountry transects, post-removal monitoring and some park patron education. Field specialists are expected to be reliable and motivated with an interest in stewardship and natural resource management. Specialists must be able to perform physical work and hike in rough terrain in the outdoors in hot, rainy or otherwise unpleasant weather conditions. Occasional overnight travel and camping trips will be necessary.
Qualifications:

- An interest in or course work related to forestry, environmental studies, ecology, natural resource management, or a relevant discipline such as conservation biology.
- A desire to learn or knowledge of GPS/GIS and ecological monitoring methods.
- The ability to work, and maintain a good attitude, in rough terrain in summer conditions.
- Some knowledge of invasive New York flora and fauna.
- Strong interest in and commitment to environmental stewardship and team-oriented approach to solving environmental challenges.
- Must have some personal camping equipment.
- First Aid and CPR certification desired.
- Backcountry orienteering and Leave No Trace camping experience a plus.

E-mail or send by FAX a letter of interest and resume. Include three work references with contact name and email, name of business/facility and phone number.

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Deadline:

All resumes must be received by Tuesday April 29, 2014.