Summer Conservation Steward

Overview

Full-time and part-time Summer Conservation Stewards needed to aide in multiple conservation projects pertaining to ecological health and interpretive value at the Ganondagan State Historic Site.

Objectives

The Ganondagan State Historic Site seeks to maintain the integrity of the 70-acre native grassland restoration on site by means of hiring knowledgeable individuals who can aide in all aspects of engaged ecosystem conservation. Conservation Stewards should be competent individuals who will be advocates for and sources of the positive ecological changes going on at the site.

Activities

Conservation Stewards will have the opportunity to;

- Plan, advertise and lead outreach/conservation programs on the site in collaboration with other groups and agencies.
- Design interpretive materials conveying/linking conservation efforts and Native American culture specific to Ganondagan.
- Aide in the completion of professional documents pertaining to site-specific needs.
- Be the sole representative of ecosystem conservation efforts on site in supervisor’s absence. This includes answering staff and patron questions as well as directing contractors/other state employees when it pertains to conservation projects underway.

Requirements

Conservation Stewards will need to work both independently and as a team with limited supervision. Professionalism is essential both in written work and public interactions. Respect for Native American history on the site is of utmost importance, basic training of site history will be provided.

Applicants must also have a valid driver’s license, be available at least 20 hours per week from mid-May through August and be capable of physical requirements involved in hiking and removal of invasive species. Knowledge of ornithology or plant taxonomy is not required, but encouraged. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted via email on a rolling basis, however, preference will be given to those submitted on or by Wednesday, May 7th, 2014.

Materials

Applicants must provide their own appropriate attire for work activities, i.e. hiking boots, pants, long sleeve shirts and hats.

Other Opportunities

All projects for Conservation Stewards at Ganondagan are ongoing. There will be a need for continuation of these conservation projects for many years; therefore, return internships are likely for well performing candidates.

Although the summer field season is the busiest time of year, there is a potential need for year-round Conservation Stewards. Please inquire with supervisor if your availability during summer months is limited and fall or winter internship hours are preferred.

Site Location

The Ganondagan State Historic Site
1488 NY Rt. 444
Victor, NY 14564

Please email supervisor any resume and cover letter submissions.