



2012 Spring Arborist Intern (1 position)

AWS mission:

The mission of the Anacostia Watershed Society is to protect and restore the Anacostia River and its watershed communities by cleaning the water, recovering the shores, and honoring the heritage. Since 1989, AWS has mobilized thousands of volunteers, interns, and supporters to plant trees, stencil storm drains, restore wetlands, remove invasive plants, stabilize streambanks, pick up trash, provide operational and programmatic support, experience the river through paddle canoes and kayaks, ride pontoon boats, and much more, all in the name of returning the Anacostia River and its surrounding communities to a clean and healthy condition.

Description:

We are looking for skillful and enthusiastic individuals to support our Stewardship Team's programs for the spring of 2012. This internship provides excellent exposure to the world of watershed stewardship, ecological restoration and locally-based non-profit environmental organizations. The position will require support on implementing and documenting a variety of stewardship activities related to trash reduction and management, invasive plant management, tree planting, wetland restoration, meadow creation, biodiversity conservation and volunteer supervision.

This position is not a paid position.

Requirements and desired skills:

- ✓ A college student or novel professional with a strong desire to do both indoor and outdoor tree planting and maintenance work teaming up with other interns, and AWS staff.
- ✓ Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- ✓ Good physical condition and willingness to work in the outdoors using different hand tools and equipment (after proper training), working under cold and wet weather conditions.
- ✓ Travel to different sites within central Prince George's County, Maryland, and eastern Washington, D.C. (within the Anacostia River watershed).
- ✓ Good oral communication skills to help us supervise and educate volunteers.
- ✓ Candidates should have college coursework or background in biological sciences, environmental sciences, natural resources management, ecological restoration, forestry and related disciplines.
- ✓ Commit to be available at least 2 days per week, days and hours are negotiable, but preferably the team will need to work as a unit.
- ✓ Must be reliable and responsible.
- ✓ Proficient in MS Office.
- ✓ Ability to drive, using AWS or personal vehicle. AWS can reimburse at 50 cents per mile for personal vehicle use.
- ✓ GPS/GIS experience.
- ✓ Experience in tree identification and tree planting operations preferred.

Expected competencies to be gained:

1. Knowledge about native species of trees, invasive species and about tree planting and maintenance.
2. Knowledge about the Anacostia watershed and the partnerships and stewardship efforts occurring in the area to clean it and restore it.
3. Experience working with different professionals and volunteers from different backgrounds.

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Our Tree Planting Operations:

AWS has planted more than 1,500 native trees along local tributaries to eventually shade the streams and provide all the valuable ecosystem services provided by trees. AWS will increase its tree planting operations in 2012 with a goal to plant at least 1,000 native trees (mostly in spring and fall). Additionally, the trees planted in previous years need basic maintenance to ensure their survival and health.

- Conduct field assessments and research to find places in need of tree planting e.g. riparian areas, forest edges heavily infested and impacted with invasive plants, sidewalks, etc.
- Assist AWS staff in organizing and supervising tree planting events with youth and adult volunteers.
- Conduct tree surveys to assess maintenance needs and general tree health conditions.
- Assist in basic maintenance routines such as weeding, watering, mulching, etc.

Please email your resume to Jorge Bogantes Montero, Conservation Biologist, at jmontero@anacostiaws.org



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