

GROUNDS AND FACILITIES INTERNSHIP

Organization: Blandford Nature Center is a community-based nonprofit organization working to cultivate, nourish, and sustain a legacy of leaders, citizens and communities who embrace and advocate for sustainable living as a result of the deep relationship with the land created within them. We invite children and the community to connect to the land, to food, and to their surroundings through meaningful hands-on experiences that lead to sustainable and healthy choices.

Job Title: Grounds and Facilities Intern

Supervisor: Mark Rankin, Caretaker

Job Summary: The intern will perform daily duties to maintain the grounds, trails, and buildings, field questions from the public, and complete a project to benefit Blandford Nature Center.

Responsibilities may include:

- Daily seasonal cleanup of grounds, buildings, and walkway including snow removal, leaf removal, and various other tasks
- Trail maintenance including trimming, spreading woodchips, mowing, removal of dead and hazardous limbs and trees
- Lawn care including mowing, watering, and improving all lawns
- Completion of an approved project related to land, wildlife, and/or forestry management

Qualifications/Skills:

- Must be 18 years of age
- Willing to perform duties both complex and mundane
- Ability to work with other volunteers and independently
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills/public speaking
- Ability to lift minimum of 50 lbs and operate power tools/machinery
- Interest in biology, wildlife management, forest management, and the environment
- Can work outdoors in all types of weather, with all types of flora and fauna
- Must be reliable, responsible, and professional

Time Commitment: 5-10 hours/week; 12 weeks minimum

Semesters Offered: Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer

Stipend: None

Benefits: Learn more about Blandford Nature Center, forestry management, and non-profit organizations while helping with tasks that benefit our mission.

Please send a resume and cover letter to:

Blandford Nature Center

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