



# Environmental Stewards

## Summer Program

### Job Description



**Position:** Naturalist Summer Service Position  
**Term:** May 21, 2012 – July 29, 2012  
**Location:** Discovery Cove Nature Center  
Lake Thunderbird State Park  
Norman, Oklahoma

#### Program Basics:

The Environmental Steward Summer Program and the Department of the Interior's Office of Youth, Partnerships & Service, are providing opportunities for *10 week summer service positions*. These positions are intended to create environmental stewardship opportunities and provide professional development and hands-on experience with environmental and conservation projects for the Summer Program Member.

#### Major Duties:

Welcome visitors to the Discovery Cove Nature Center at Lake Thunderbird State Park; assist with feeding and maintenance of live fish and wildlife; assist with the development and presentation of programs about the park, native fish and wildlife, cultural history, and other related topics; assist with collecting wildlife specimens; and help develop other materials for fish and wildlife educational programs.

Other duties may include: Maintaining the nature center; general trail maintenance; youth group wildlife tours; youth group fishing trips; wildlife habitat improvement projects such as construction and placement of bird nesting boxes, bat boxes, fisheries habitat, deer food plots; and other related tasks and programs.

#### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledge of environmental science, natural and cultural history, native fish and wildlife, and general outdoor experience
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others to express ideas clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; to exercise initiative and work independently; and to take direction and instruction
- Knowledge of conservation education practices/ activities and associated curriculums (i.e. Project WET, Project WILD, Project Learning Tree)

#### Benefits:

- \$2,000 living stipend distributed evenly over 10 weeks on a biweekly basis
- \$1,132 AmeriCorps Segal Education Award to be used for qualified student loans or tuition *available upon successful completion of the program*
- Professional development and hands-on experience with environmental and conservation projects
- Access to innovative examples of partnerships and information for collaborative environmental restoration and community building
- College credit may be obtained, depending on Member's host school. This is arranged by the Summer Program member and their host school.

#### Expectations:

- Complete midterm and final reporting of project accomplishments
- Timely completion and submission of all personnel paperwork, timesheets, and reports
- Adherence to Southwest Conservation Corps and agency/partner policies and procedures
- Reporting of any safety related incidents related to the summer position job duties

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Must be a US Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident
- Must be at least 17 years old at the time of enrollment and have completed at least 1 year of undergraduate education
- Must not have been convicted of a felony or be a registered Sex Offender & submit to a background screening
- Must have a dedication and interest in environmental stewardship and community service

**Diversity & Anti-Discrimination:**

In accordance with DOI's Equal Opportunity and AmeriCorps' Grant Program Civil Rights Policies, applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability.

**How to Apply:**

Please submit the Environmental Stewards Summer Program Member application form and your résumé. Only electronic submissions will be accepted and incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications can be found here: [http://www.hardrockteam.org/docs/SP\\_2012\\_Member\\_Application.doc](http://www.hardrockteam.org/docs/SP_2012_Member_Application.doc)

For questions and to submit an application, please contact Cora McCold, Program Administrative Assistant [cora\(at\)sccorps.org](mailto:cora(at)sccorps.org) or 970.403.0137

A copy of your application form and your résumé should also be sent to Mr. Jeff Tompkins, Supervisor Land Resources Group, at [jtompkins@usbr.gov](mailto:jtompkins@usbr.gov).

**ALL APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 16, 2012.**