

Forestry Technician (Recreation)

Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) Student Internship

Location: Ottawa National Forest

Watersmeet, MI

Housing Possible

One Position to Filled within the Ottawa National Forest

A. INTRODUCTION

The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) is offering this Internship opportunity for Native American students pursuing degrees in the Natural Resources sciences. The 988,785-acre Ottawa National Forest is located in the Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan, an area known for its remote character, relatively pristine lakes and streams, vast northern hardwood forests, and abundant wildlife. The Ottawa offers numerous recreational opportunities, including stream and lake fishing (blue-ribbon trout streams), deer and small-game hunting, canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking, hiking, birding, cross-country and downhill skiing, camping, hiking, and many others. Some of the highest-quality streams and rivers in the Midwest are also found on the Ottawa, with several now designated as Federal Wild, Scenic, or Recreational Rivers. Demands for public land recreation opportunities have increased over the years and are expected to continue to increase, especially OHV use.

Interns working in support of the Ottawa's recreation program will have the opportunity to work with professionals from many different resource areas, including wildlife biologists, fire management specialists, timber staff, fish biologists, recreation specialists, and hydrologists as we manage the recreation program to provide for opportunities in a sustainable and responsible manner. Interns who are a part of the Recreation program on the Forest in the past have worked with Youth Conservation Corps crews, supported our conservation education programs, worked on developed and dispersed recreation projects, and provided trail maintenance and wilderness management support.

Potential projects for 2013 include the implementation of our motor vehicle use program, developed recreation site maintenance, wilderness management, support to our trails program (both motorized and non-motorized), and opportunities for field trips with Forest personnel as they work on other projects across the Ottawa.

B. MAJOR DUTIES & REQUIREMENTS

Recreation Program Services 65%

- Campground maintenance activities
- Visitor Contacts, relay information regarding campground rules, regulations, opportunities, answer basic questions
- Sign installation on roads, trails, at parking lots and trailheads
- Support at the Sylvania Entrance Station as needed
- Dispersed recreation support

Trail Program Support 35%

- Trail maintenance, including clearing trails of debris and fallen trees
- Maintenance of trailheads
- Support of Forest-wide Trail Projects such as YCC Work Days, National Trails Day, National Public Lands Day
- Inspects trails
- Visitor Contacts, relay information regarding trail rules, regulations, opportunities, answer basic questions

C. EVALUATION FACTORS

Knowledge Required by Position

- General knowledge of natural resources.
- Ability to make information personally relevant, and valuable, to the visitor.
- Ability to work as part of a crew
- Ability to perform routine procedural tasks using work methods and techniques that are well established

Supervisory Controls

This is considered a training position. Assignments and activities are indicated by the supervisor, and are performed by the incumbent on a continuing basis. Clear procedural instructions are available and new assignments are accompanied by suggested work procedures. Problems and technical matters not covered by the instructions are referred to the supervisor or higher-grade specialist. The work is reviewed for technical adequacy and conformance with agency procedures.

Physical Demands

The assigned work can be physically demanding, in all types of weather and usually consists of a 40-hour work week. Weekend and holiday work schedule possible.