

Missoula County Youth in Restoration Application

Background:

This summer the Missoula County Weed District will be implementing the tenth year of the Youth in Restoration program. Through this program, high school students contribute to vegetation management projects and other conservation efforts for supporting land managing agencies including the City of Missoula Conservation Lands, University of Montana Natural Areas, Lolo National Forest, Missoula County Parks, Trails and Open Lands, The Nature Conservancy, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and Five Valleys Land Trust. Participants will have the opportunity to gain hands-on skills by participating in numerous conservation activities including biological insect control collections and releases on public land, aquatic monitoring of area lakes and streams, mapping and monitoring natural resources, mechanical weed control, revegetation, and education and outreach in Missoula County and the surrounding region.

By working directly with local agencies to support natural resource conservation actions, students will develop a deeper appreciation for our public lands and a better understanding of multi-use management, and the ecological and economical balance that agencies strive to maintain. During their time as part of the Youth in Restoration crew, students will have the opportunity to work with a variety of resource professionals in many different disciplines throughout the summer, providing them with knowledge and insight into the types of career paths available in natural resource management. Furthermore, the experience gained through working with the federal and county government will be a valuable addition to resumes and college applications.

Duties:

Four high school students will be hired to work 35-40 hours a week for 8-9 weeks during the summer of 2023.

Requirements: work in hot summer conditions in the direct sun, hike 1-5 miles at a time, handle non-threatening insects, possible camping on-site of projects, possess strong organizational skills, use GPS units (or be willing to learn), will miss no more than 4 days of employment, and ability to work as a team member.

On the job duties: collecting insects and data on insects and/or plants, hiking to project areas, manually removing weeds, revegetation areas with native plants, removing/installing wildlife barriers, surveying aquatic plants, plant identification, monitoring, and assisting the Missoula County Weed District with outreach programs.

The students need to have the ability to get to the Missoula County Weed District maintenance building (located at the Missoula County Fairgrounds property.) From this location, the crew leader will be responsible for driving students to and from work sites. Worksites will include areas throughout Missoula County and occasionally other regional sites managed by other participating organizations.

Starting Date: TBD (Week of June 12th) **Ending Date:** TBD (Week of August 14th)

Benefits: Hourly wage \$13.00/hour



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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Address:

Year of School Completed June of 2023: _____

Please thoroughly answer the following questions.

Why are you applying for this job?

What experience do you have that might help you with this position?

What experience do you have working outdoors?

Are you able to do strenuous physical labor (hiking 5 or more miles in hot, dry summer conditions)?

Are you willing to work early/late hours and some weekends? ☐Yes ☐No

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Have you used GPS units?

☐ Yes ☐ No

How well do you work on a team? Please give an example.

What knowledge do you have concerning invasive species or noxious weeds?

Do you consider yourself to be organized? Give examples.

What do you foresee pursuing as a career? Explain

If there is anything else that you would like us to know in considering you for this position, please list it here.

List 3 references with contact information (excluding family members):

Name	Relation	Phone Number

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List past job experience:

Employer	Dates Employed	Phone Number	Reason for Leaving

Please return this application by April 28th, 2023 to:

Missoula County Weed District
Attn: Steffany Rogge
2825 Santa Fe Court
Missoula, MT 59808

or

srogge@missoulacounty.us (emailing is the best way

For questions, call (406) 258-4211

