

## Missoula County Youth in Restoration Project

### **Background:**

This summer the Missoula County Weed District will be implementing the eighth 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: City of Missoula Conservation Lands, University of Montana Natural Areas, Lolo National Forest, Missoula County Parks, The Nature Conservancy, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Fish, Wildlife & Parks and Five Valleys Land Trust. High school students selected to participate in this project will conduct 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, as well as 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, understanding of multiple use management, and the ecological and economical balance that agencies strive to maintain. 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 to the types of career paths available in natural resource management. This will prove to be valuable experience to the students participating when applying for future employment or colleges. Work experience through and indirectly for the federal/county government funded by a national grant will be impressive on a resume.

### **Duties:**

Three or 4 (subject to change due to COVID travel restrictions) high school students will be hired to work 30-40 hours a week for 8-9 weeks during the summer of 2021.

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), and work as a team.

Duties: collecting insects and data on insects and/or plants, hiking to project areas, manually removing weeds, revegetating areas with native plants, removing/installing wildlife barriers, surveying aquatic plants, plant identification and 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 office (2825 Santa Fe Court, Missoula, MT 59808). From this location the Missoula County Crew Leader will be responsible for driving students to and from work sites. Work sites will include areas throughout Missoula County and occasionally other regional sites managed by other participating organizations.

**Starting Date:** TBD (Week of June 14th) **Ending Date:** TBD (Week of August 9<sup>th</sup>)

### **Benefits:**

Hourly wage \$10.35/hour.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please thoroughly answer the following questions.**

Why are you applying for this job?

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

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What experience do you have working outdoors?

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

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Are you willing to work early/late hours and some weekends?

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Have you used GPS units?

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

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What knowledge do you have concerning noxious weeds?

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Do you consider yourself to be organized? Give examples.

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Do you plan on pursuing a career in a science related field? If so, what field?

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

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

Name	Relation	Phone Number

Past job experience contact information:

Employer	Dates Employed	Address	Phone Number	Reason For Leaving

**Please return this application by May 3rd, 2021 to:**

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

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