

# Seeking Adult Crew Members

## Conservation Begins Here



## Gap Year Crew Member



### Crew Member Qualifications:

- 18 to 24 years of age
- Ability to work in all weather conditions conducting hands-on service to the land with a primary focus on invasive species removal using power tools and herbicide application for 7 hours per day 4 days per week after training
- Have a positive attitude with the ability to work as a team to accomplish work in a positive environment that is welcoming to all
- A willingness to mentor teenagers and provide leadership to ensure youth learn job skills that will prepare them for the future
- Willingness to gain certification and apply herbicide
- Willingness to be trained and operate the tools used in forestry and restoration including chainsaws and brush cutters

### Crew Member Benefits and Compensation:

- Pay starts at \$16.75 per hour, with an increase to \$17.50 per hour for the second portion of the program
- Monday - Thursday; 32 hours a week
- Industry certifications and trainings (e.g. Chainsaw)
- Excellent networking opportunities

**Training Dates:** June 10- 27 (paid mandatory training)

**Program Dates:** July 1-November 8

**Location:** Cook County (Chicago Region)

We are currently recruiting for our Gap Year Crew Member position! This Internship provides advanced conservation job training and leadership skills for young adults, ages 18-24, with particular emphasis on engaging Conservation Corps alumni. The program is comprised of two parts to give a variety of experiences for career exploration and advanced skills training such as chainsaw certification and more.

The first 8 weeks of the program (June - August) provide training and then real-world conservation, leadership, and communication skills where members serve as Assistant Leaders that help mentor and manage a group of 10 high school youth. It focuses 70% of the time on hands-on conservation projects such as invasive species removal with the other 30% focused on nature based fun and environmental education activities.

The second part of the program (August - Nov.), engages the crew (7 people) in a deeper experience to gain advanced ecological restoration skills and practice that allow one to pursue a career in restoration and land management. The work the program does ensures healthy land for people, native plants, and wildlife.



**Applications and positions filled on rolling basis.**

**Deadline is May 1st.**

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