

Seeking Adult Crew Leaders

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Gap Year Crew Leader



Leader Qualifications:

- Experience working with youth or young adults, teaching or environmental education a plus
- Experience with conservation work skills or related skills preferred – i.e., trail maintenance, habitat restoration, chainsaw, carpentry, landscaping, and gardening
- Ability to perform manual, physical labor for up to 8 hours per day 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, and must occasionally lift and/or move 40 pounds or more
- Must be able to attend Crew Leader training
- Must be a minimum of 21 years of age
- Must have the ability to work in the US legally
- Must have a valid driver's license for 3+ years and MVR that meets SCA standards
- Ability to obtain an Illinois Herbicide Applicator License before the start of the spraying season
- CPR certification & Wilderness First Aid or approved 16-hour First Aid course equivalent required. *Certification opportunities provided by SCA at leader training (\$350 value)

We are seeking Crew Leaders to co-lead, mentor and guide young adults for a six-month conservation skills paid experience (Gap Year Program) and to mentor both these young adults and high school students for the summer through the Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps Program in the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

The first 5 weeks (July-August) is leading these young adults and a team of ten high school youth in conservation work and environmental education at a local nature center.

The second part of the program (August – November), engages the five young adults 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.

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

Program Dates: July 1-November 14

Location: Cook County (Chicago Region)

Leader Benefits and Compensation:

- \$23 per hour
- M-Th 8am-3pm; with crews Friday mornings for planning and administration from home; 35 hours a week
- Industry certifications and trainings (e.g. Chainsaw)
- Take home rental van to transport crew to work sites
- Excellent networking opportunities



Applications and positions filled on rolling basis.

Deadline is May 1st.

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