Seasonal Naturalist - Indiana Dunes State Park

Job ID: 601532

Apply Before: 02/28/2017

Location: Chesterton

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Salary: $14,378.00

City/County/St: Chesterton, Porter County, IN

To Apply

Job Description:

This seasonal position provides the support of the Indiana Dunes Interpretive Services at the park. Naturalists are based out of the park Nature Center, and provide much of the environmental education (interpretation) and public contact for the visitors of the park. The park naturalist helps to tell the story of the cultural and natural resources on the property, to raise awareness of the environment.

Seasonal staff plan and present interpretive programs ranging from hikes and talks to crafts and demonstrations for property visitors. Positions also staff and maintain the park interpretive center and participate in resource management projects. Caretaking of the Nature Center's animals involves handling and feeding its reptiles and amphibians. The full-time interpreter provides assistance, supervision, evaluation and training.

Responsibilities:

Work is split indoors and outdoors and often conducted under strenuous conditions and in adverse weather. There are many times where incumbent will be expected to hike in rugged dune conditions.

Incumbent is based out of the property Nature Center and reports there upon beginning and completing each shift. Notices of absence or tardiness are immediately directed to the direct supervisor. Punctuality and attendance is expected on work days.

Preferred Experience:

Job qualifications include 2 years of related degree work, creativity, enthusiasm about natural/cultural resources and their management, communicating with visitors (orally and in writing), and the ability to work independently. Previous practical field experience with a variety of age groups and program types is a plus. Driver's license required for traveling to and from work.
Additional Comments:
Normal working shifts are from 9:00am - 5:00pm, 5 days a week and usually includes weekends.
Some evenings are required as well.

Equal Employment Opportunity:
The State of Indiana is an Equal Opportunity Employer.