



CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN

Position Type: Contract

Background:

In Kentucky, there are 121 Conservation Districts working towards the same goal: conserving our natural resources. The Boone County Conservation District (BCCDKY) is the primary entity to provide technical, educational, and financial assistance to private landowners and land users in the conservation, sustainment, improvement, and enhancement of Boone County's natural resources. BCCDKY works closely with not only landowners, but also with local schools, homeschool groups, scouts, and local, state, and federal organizations.

Position Description:

This position will be responsible for assisting BCCDKY staff and board with conservation programs including but not limited to: summer youth programs, habitat management, wildlife surveys, and public outreach programs. The position involves program planning, direct instruction for youth and adult programs and workshops, field work related to forest and watershed health projects, and assistance in the management of the Earl and Hazel Jones Center for Conservation.

Required Skills and Qualifications:

- Degree in environmental science or related field or three years experience in conservation or environmental education
- Ability to work in the outdoors during inclement weather and over challenging terrain
- Ability to interact professionally with members of the general public, including K-12 students
- Proficient in Microsoft Office
- General knowledge of ecosystem functions
- Valid Driver's License
- Kentucky pesticide applicator license is preferred
- CPR certification or ability to obtain certification upon hiring
- Ability to work occasional weekends and evenings
- Ability to work independently and with minimum supervision
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States
- Subject to background check upon hiring

Duration: Mid-March through June 30, 2025 (approximately 16 weeks)

Hours: Approximately 320 hours total, including some weekends and evenings

Compensation: \$20/hour

Benefits: None

Report to: Mark Jacobs, Director of Conservation Programs

DUTIES

Education and Outreach Programs (50%)

- Assist with preparation for summer day camps, including logistics and materials prep
- Prepare and facilitate activities for summer camp
- Assist with set up and take down of camps

- Assist with the planning and facilitation of family programs, workshops, and community events, including some weekend programs
- Prepare documents and materials for display boards, quarterly newsletters, blogs, and social media posts

Forest Health and Habitat Management (35%)

- Assist with invasive species management, trail work, and habitat improvements at the Earl and Hazel Jones Center for Conservation
- Assist with forest health plans for county residents and landowners

Forest and Watershed Health Research (10%)

- Assist with wildlife and biodiversity surveys, including acoustic bat monitoring
- Assist with stream monitoring projects on occasion
- Provide mentoring and support for summer interns conducting independent research projects

Administration (5%)

- Work with staff to organize and inventory district files and supplies
- Attend appropriate staff and board meetings
- Attend appropriate trainings pertaining to job duties, including First Aid and CPR
- Other duties as assigned

To Apply, send cover letter, resume, and three references to markjacobs@bccdky.org by March 7, 2025