

# **Seasonal Naturalist**

# Applications will be reviewed and considered as they are received. Apply soon!

Wild Rivers Conservancy is currently recruiting applicants for a Seasonal Naturalist beginning in Spring of 2022.

The Riverway, one of the nation's first wild and scenic rivers, is a National Park consisting of 255 river miles that flow through some of the most scenic and least developed country in the Upper Midwest. Learn more at: <u>www.nps.gov/sacn.</u>

Wild Rivers Conservancy is a nonprofit organization that works to inspire stewardship to forever ensure the rare ecological integrity of the St. Croix and Namekagon Riverway. Learn more at: <u>www.wildriversconservancy.org</u>

#### **Description of Position**

This position is with Wild Rivers Conservancy and is supervised by the Community Engagement Coordinator. The Seasonal Naturalist will be responsible for learning and delivering K-12 environmental education programs and outdoor public programs to connect people to the Riverway and encourage stewardship of it for generations to come.

#### **Major Duties**

- Assist with the coordination and leading of Explore Wild Rivers public programs, such as kayaking, ice fishing, hiking, birding, and snowshoeing, among others.
- Assist in the delivery of Rivers Are Alive K-12 environmental education programs at schools and locations throughout the St. Croix River watershed.
- Work directly with organization volunteers and other program staff to deliver programs.
- Help maintain and care for program supplies and equipment.
- Assist with program tracking and evaluation, creation of curriculum materials, as needed, and pre and post program organizational tasks.
- Work with diverse partners, including local, state and federal government agencies, and nonprofit organizations throughout the watershed.
- Contribute positively to the team environment.

#### **Skills Required**

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Experience working with a variety of audiences in formal and/or informal education settings.
- Excitement for the natural world and a demonstrated ability to share it with others

- Previous coursework in education, forestry, natural sciences, natural resources, or a related field. Other courses of study may be considered.
- Ability to work well both independently and as part of a team, be detail-oriented and organized, and follow oral and written directions.
- Good oral and written communication skills. Ability to clearly communicate information to a variety of audiences, from youth to adults.
- Valid state driver's license is required.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 pounds independently, and up to 50 pounds with assistance.
- Kayak experience is preferred, but not required.

## Work Site and Conditions

- This position will be based at Wild Rivers Conservancy in Osceola, Wisconsin.
- There will be travel throughout the upper St. Croix watershed in both Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- Work in the field is required and will involve some physical activity, including walking, hiking, standing for long periods of time, and occasionally paddling a kayak or canoe at a variety of locations.
- Schedules can be variable or on a week to week basis.
- Must be willing and able to work some weekends and evenings.
- Full COVID vaccination is required for position eligibility.

## Position and Wage Details

This is a seasonal, temporary position ranging between 20-40 hours weekly (approximate average of 32+ hours/week), at a wage of \$15/hr. This is a 6-month position, with possible extension and room to grow.

#### How to Apply

Send all of the following information:

- 1. Cover letter. State the position you are applying for, why you would be a good fit and why you are interested in working with Wild Rivers Conservancy.
- 2. Detailed resume, including work experience.
- 3. Three references.

Email to Wendy Tremblay Community Engagement Coordinator Wild Rivers Conservancy wtremblay@wildriversconservancy.org (715) 483-3300 x 30

**Deadline** - The deadline to apply is March 1, 2022. Applications will be reviewed and considered as they are received, so apply soon!