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Native Landscaping and Ecological Restoration Internship Opportunity

Description: Good Oak Ecological Services is seeking applicants for an internship in our Madison Wisconsin office working in the fields of native landscaping and ecological restoration. Here is an opportunity for a truly “green”, hands-on learning experience. Responsibilities will include installing and caring for native herbaceous and woody plants, invasive species management, natural areas stewardship work, rain garden installation, exotic brush clearing and equipment maintenance. This position will help prepare you for a career in native landscaping or natural areas management by teaching you to identify native plants, better understand local plant communities, control invasive species, nature interpretation and more.

Qualifications: All candidates must be at least 18 years of age, have the ability to lift up to 50 pounds, ability to stand or walk while working for hours at a time, willingness to work in harsh weather conditions and have a strong commitment to environmental protection. An ideal candidate will possess several of the following qualities:

- experience with landscaping
- plant identification knowledge
- volunteer experience in natural areas management
- experience in scientific field work
- experience operating gas powered tools
- pesticide application license or an interest in applying for one
- course work in the fields of: botany, ecology, forestry, wildlife management, landscape design, soil science, entomology, ornithology or related fields
- a desire to learn
- strong work ethic
- attention to detail
- problem solving skills
- good communications skills

Compensation: This is a seasonal, part-time position working roughly 20 hours per week at \$7.50 per hour. There is also a \$4 daily “low-emissions” travel stipend rewarded to those who travels to the office by human power (bicycle, walking, etc) or using public transit. Several hours of unpaid time each week will be dedicated specifically to education. Credit may be available through your educational institution if proper arrangements are made with a faculty member.

To Apply: Applications due by April 16th, 2010. Send a resume and brief cover letter to:

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About Good Oak Ecological Services: Good Oak is a small but growing firm specializing in ecological consulting, natural areas management and native landscaping. We are primarily based in Madison, WI and work throughout southern Wisconsin and northern and central Illinois. Our mission is to improve the environment for the benefit of people and the natural community. We have been strongly influenced by Aldo Leopold and his “Land Ethic”. We strive to live up to his ideals and work for positive change. Good Oak Ecological Services is committed to supporting our community and providing a living wage for owner, employees and partners. For more information, see: www.goodoakllc.com