Graduate & Undergraduate Resource/Recreation Management Opportunities

| TITLE: | Salmon River Steward  
(Up to 7 positions available) |
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<td>LOCATION:</td>
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| DURATION: | May 26 - Approximately Sept. 6, 2010  
May 13 - Approximately Nov. 10, 2010 |
| FALL POSITIONS ALSO: | Aug. 26 - Approximately Dec. 12, 2010 |
| APPLICATION DEADLINE: | ongoing until positions are filled |

**Summary of Position:**

Salmon River Stewards monitor properties along the Salmon River corridor in Oswego County, NY. Properties include both reservoirs, the Salmon River from the Salmon River Reservoir to the mouth at Port Ontario, the Salmon River Fish Hatchery, NYS Unique Areas, and State Forest lands. Stewards are responsible for public education, patrol and inventory, habitat restoration, and site maintenance at these sites.

Salmon River Stewards will each develop a media project. Each project will include a newspaper article, public outreach program, and a project summary paper complete with photos. Topics related to the Salmon River corridor can be considered for this project. The Steward Coordinator has the final determination of topic appropriateness.

Stewards contribute weekly to the Eastern Lake Ontario Dune and Salmon River Stewardship Blog. Responsibility for the weekly posting rotates through the dune and river steward crew. A weekly posting is a collection of all stewards’ contributions.

Weekend and holiday work is required. One weekend off during the season will be arranged by the Steward Program Coordinator. River Stewards will submit written weekly and end-of-the-year reports. Stewards are supervised by the Steward Program Coordinator and supervise no other employees; however, supervision of volunteers may be required. Successful candidates are expected to wear the provided uniform while on duty.

The Eastern Lake Ontario Dune Steward & Salmon River Steward Program is managed by New York Sea Grant in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Parks, and The Nature Conservancy.
Duties include but are not limited to the following:

1. Conduct one-on-one on site public education, interpretive field trips, monitor river corridor sites, prepare media project components, educational materials, and other materials as requested.
2. Educate the public regarding the significance of the natural resources of the Salmon River corridor and the importance of the regulations that are vital to its protection through discussions, handouts, and presentations.
3. Educate the public regarding current topics that could influence the natural resources of the Salmon River corridor (invasive species, botulism, VHS, etc.).
4. Conduct informal and formal outreach programs in the local community.
5. Maintain signs, fences and other structures as needed.
6. Monitor aquatic habitats and human usage throughout the corridor.
7. Assist the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Salmon River Coordinator at the Salmon River Hatchery Visitor Center as requested by the NY Sea Grant Steward Program Coordinator.
9. Meet regularly with the other Stewards and the Steward Program Coordinator to coordinate system-wide activities, exchange information, discuss issues, and explore solutions to problems.

Knowledge/Skills:

1. Mature personality with excellent interpersonal communication skills. Must have the ability to successfully present information and communicate ideas to diverse audiences, and to react in a positive, proactive manner in confrontational circumstances.
2. Minimum 2 years combined education and experience in environmental education, natural resources management, biology, environmental studies, or a related field preferred. Familiarity with Tug Hill/Salmon River/Lake Ontario flora and fauna preferred but not necessary.
3. Ability to work independently and responsibly with minimal supervision.
4. Excellent technical writing skills preferred.
5. Ability to accurately collect and summarize data according to established protocol.
6. Willingness to work all weekends and holidays.
7. Valid driver’s license. Must provide own transportation to work sites and meeting locations.
8. Ability to perform physical labor and participate in strenuous physical activity.
9. Ability to use a small motorboat and canoe preferred.
10. Enthusiasm about protecting a unique ecosystem!!!!!

Additional Notes:
Graduate students are encouraged to apply and use this opportunity to conduct their research. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of earning college credit (undergraduate/graduate) while gaining valuable employment experience, please apply.

Hourly Wage: salary $12.25/hour; 35 hours/week *

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