



MSHI 2012 Conservation Corps Assistant Crew Leader Internship Job Description

The Mount St. Helens Institute seeks two outgoing and hardworking interns who are looking to gain experience in the fields of trail maintenance and resource protection. Under the management of the Mount St. Helens Institute staff, interns will provide support to the area's recreational sites by performing trail and facilities maintenance and repair tasks as well as resource protection through one-day, weekend and week-long volunteer work party projects. Activities include trail maintenance, recreational site restoration, noxious weed removal, and facility upkeep. Qualified applicants may also be considered for a part time paid position working with the US Forest Service in the fields of maintenance and visitor services.

Major Duties Include:

- Organize, plan, recruit for, implement and finalize the Mount St. Helens Institute work parties
- Participate in the leadership of multiple one day, weekend, and/or week-long trail work parties
- Support the adopt-a-spot program
- Document and report on work performed
- Other duties as assigned

Needed Skills and Experience:

- Must arrive in early June and stay through late August or early September; this is dependent on school schedule.
- Willing and prepared to camp in remote settings, though this is dependent on the particular work party
- Ability to work independently and in groups with minimal supervision
- Leadership experience and willingness
- Knowledge of or interest in Mount St. Helens and other Cascade volcanic landscapes
- Pursuing a degree in recreation, environmental science, forestry, geology, earth science, education or a related field
- Experience with hiking, climbing, backpacking, camping and other outdoor activities
- Ability to pass a background check
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record
- Personal vehicle preferred, proof of insurance must be provided
- Applicants must be able to provide proof of enrollment in college/ graduate school for Fall 2012

Optional Skills and Experience:

- Background experience with trail maintenance concepts and equipment
- Group management experience
- Knowledge of noxious weeds and their removal
- Fence building, sign post installation, or other building-related skills



- Backcountry cooking with a camp stove
- Ability to drive a manual transmission vehicle
- Knowledge of the area and local trails
- Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder training

Physical Demands:

- Must be able to hike terrain of varying difficulties
- Must be able to pack maintenance tools, safety equipment, and personal provisions (such as food and water) in and out of work sites
- Must be able to perform a variety of maintenance duties, which include the following physical tasks (not limited to); using hand tools, using long-handled tools for trail maintenance, bending at waist and knees, reaching, twisting at the hips, kneeling, lifting, digging, etc.
- Must be comfortable with physical exertion in hot, exposed areas

Position Includes:

- Training in interpretation, recreation and science
- Qualified applicants may be offered a part time paid position working with the US Forest Service
- Leadership and Group management skills development
- First Aid/ CPR certification
- MSHI Uniform (t-shirt, vest, coat, hat)
- Free Housing
- Mileage Reimbursement for approved personal vehicle use

To apply send the following information to internships@mshinstitute.org; Subject line: “2012 Conservation Corps Internship Application”

- **Cover Letter**
- **Resume**
- **Contact Information for 3 references**
- **Preferred start and end date**

Deadline is February 29, 2012