Summary of Position
This is a field position where employee gains experience managing over 70 acres of agricultural land that has been transformed into the three main habitats of East Central Illinois: woodland, wetland and prairie at the Douglas-Hart Nature Center. Employee also will gain horticultural experience helping maintain specialty garden beds and care of unusual plants at two additional foundation properties, Friendship Garden and The Whiteside Garden. Position qualifies as an Environmental Biology Internship through Eastern Illinois University and Lake Land College.

Position and Role
Employee will work under the direction of the Land Stewardship Director. Duties will include, but not limited to, invasive plant removal, grounds maintenance, seedling care and transplanting, trail and flowerbed maintenance. Care and maintenance of special horticultural plants also will be done. Occasional assistance with educational programs may also be necessary.

Requirements
Must be 18 years of age and a high school graduate.
Must possess a valid driver’s license
Position timeframe is May-August
Must possess or be willing to obtain an Illinois Pesticide Operators License (training provided)
Must be able to communicate and interact with a variety of people with diverse backgrounds, perspectives and opinions
Ability to work independently and follow instructions
Ability to work cooperatively and effectively in a group
Willingness to work some weekends
Must be able to walk over rough terrain without trails and lift and carry 30 pounds and work in all types of weather
Learn to safely operate a brush cutter, chainsaw and various hand tools
Learn to drive safely a tractor and utility vehicles

Salary
$9.50-$10.00/hour

Application Information
Please send a resume including 3 references to Marissa Grant mgrant@dhnature.org
Applications accepted until position is filled. Interviews will be conducted as applications are received and reviewed.
For more information about the nature center and its mission, visit http://www.dhnature.org/
For questions please contact Marissa Grant at mgrant@dhnature.org

Disclaimer
The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all the responsibilities and qualifications.