



**Douglas-Hart Nature Center
Mattoon, Illinois
Summer 2018 Seasonal Conservation Position**

Summary of Position

This is a field position where employee will gain 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. Employees will also gain horticultural experience helping to maintain a garden with many plants of horticultural interest.

Duties

Employees will work under the direction of the Land Stewardship Director. Responsibilities include restoration and management of woodland, wetland and prairie habitats as well as maintenance of specialty garden beds and care of unusual plants. 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 complete 480 hours (12 weeks) during May- August 2018.

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 and weekends.

Must be able to walk over rough terrain without trails, need to be able to lift and carry 10 pounds.

Learn to safely operate a brush cutter, chainsaw and various hand tools (tools and safety equipment provided).

Appropriate clothes, shoes, sunscreen and mosquito protection is a must. Tasks require exposure to variable weather and working conditions.

Salary

\$8.50/hour

Application Information

Please send a resume including 3 references and a cover letter highlighting relevant experience and/or interest in the position to Marissa Grant at mgrant@consolidated.net.

Applications will be accepted until Friday March 2, 2018. Interviews will be conducted as applications are received. For more information about the nature center and its mission, visit <http://www.dhnature.org/>.

For questions please contact Marissa Grant at mgrant@consolidated.net or 217-235-4644.