

SIUC – Center of Ecology Internship Opportunity

Job Location: The Nature Conservancy, Nachusa Grasslands

Summer Intern- Nachusa Grasslands

Preferred candidates are students with a long-term interest in natural area conservation.

Nachusa Grasslands: The Nature Conservancy's Nachusa Grasslands is located in north central Illinois in the rolling hills of the Rock River Valley. The 3,100-acre Nachusa Grasslands Preserve consists of large remnant prairie, woodland and wetlands being reconnected through habitat restorations to attempt to create one of the largest and most biologically diverse grasslands in Illinois. Nachusa boasts a vigorous cadre of volunteer stewards working hand in hand with Conservancy staff to create high diversity habitat restorations and a sustainable stewardship effort.

Job Description

The Nachusa Grasslands Restoration Intern will get hands on experience with prairie and savanna management and restoration at Nachusa Grasslands, a 3,100 acre preserve near Dixon, IL. The Intern will work with a crew to remove invasive species and hand-collect native seeds. We hand harvest seed to restore degraded agricultural lands to high diversity prairie, wetlands, and savanna on site. These are great opportunities to learn about plants and animals, and natural areas management with an emphasis on ecological restoration. There are many other tasks such as GIS mapping, data collecting and logging, fence building, fence removal, maintaining and cleaning buildings, setting up for events for visitors and members, running errands, and repairing equipment. Applicants should be able to work well with groups of people in the field.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:

- Ability to operate various types of equipment in a safe and efficient manner; valid driver's license
- Ability to follow instructions and perform physical work, sometime under adverse conditions or in inclement weather.
- Ability to work independently and sometimes in remote locations, possibly on difficult terrain.

RESPONSIBILITY/OVERSIGHT:

- Receives detailed instructions to complete required tasks
- Can work under close supervision or infrequent supervision

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