

SIUC – Center of Ecology Internship Opportunity

Job Location: Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (**Two Positions**)

Summer Intern- River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area

SIUC Center of Ecology, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and the Natural Areas Association are offering **two** summer internships in southern Illinois. Learn conservation techniques from some of the best experts and organizations in the field while working in a natural setting. This internship will provide a one year membership to the Natural Areas Association. The mission of the Natural Areas Association is to advance the preservation of natural diversity. The Association works to inform, unite, and support persons engaged in identifying, protecting, managing, and studying natural areas and biological diversity across landscapes and ecosystems. A specific goal of the association is to provide information and expertise to those seeking a career in natural areas management.

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

River to River CWMA: The River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) is a partnership between 12 federal and state agencies, organizations, and universities aimed at coordinating efforts and programs for addressing the threat of invasive plants in Southern Illinois. The CWMA was formally established in 2006 and addresses both terrestrial and aquatic invasive plant species through collaborative projects and activities

Job Description

Work with the CWMA coordinator in several southern Illinois natural areas. Possible work duties may include the following:

Land Stewardship Activities: Conducting management on Nature Preserves, Land and Water Reserves, and Natural Heritage Landmarks, such as controlling exotic and invasive native plants, botanical surveys and monitoring programs, assisting in educational programs, and invasive plant research. Office work will vary, and may include assisting with updating management plan, assisting in organizing landowner meetings and conservation partnership meetings, researching information about invasive plant populations and management, and data entry and map creation.

Job will include some hiking in steep terrain, wading in aquatic habitats, spraying herbicides and working in hot humid conditions. Basic computer skills, and GPS knowledge helpful. Ability to operate 4 wheel drive vehicles, ATV's, small utility tractors and boats useful. Students will be required to test for a general use herbicide license.

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