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Employment - Position Description

Virginia Forestry and Wildlife Group, a for-profit, natural resource management and consulting company based in Virginia seeks to fill a seasonal position within the company under the following parameters:

Title

Invasive Species Management Technician

Starting Date

Immediately

Type

Seasonal/Full-time – 800-hour position to run approximately between February and June 2021

Location

Primarily the City of Richmond, Virginia (with possible other geographic areas in Virginia)

Salary/Wage

\$15-17 per hour. Additional: equipment stipend will be provided

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The position will be mostly independent with oversight by VFWG principals and Certified Pesticide Applicator(s). Activities will include (but are not limited to) the implementation of various invasive species management techniques (backpack spot application, cut-stump, basal bark and "hack-and-squirt"), with some limited field surveys, assessments and biodiversity restoration work. On the job training in techniques and plant identification will be provided, but it is expected that the successful applicant have some level of experience with invasive plants already. Excellent communication with company principals, staff and clients (private landowners, public agencies and non-profit organizations) is an important part of the position. Most field sites are located on public lands including parks, so some engagement with the public should be expected.

Qualifications and Expectations

Applicants should be currently enrolled or recently graduated from an undergraduate program in a Natural Resources discipline (forestry, wildlife, botany, etc.) in either a two year technical program or four year university setting. The position is field based, so applicants should be physically fit and willing to work in a diversity of outdoor habitats and situations. Exposure to weather, biting insects, snakes and other wildlife should be anticipated. A working knowledge of local flora and fauna is needed but significant training and education will be obtained from the position. Applicants will be required to obtain a Registered Technician pesticide applicators license (Virginia) if they do not already possess one.

The position will be based in Richmond, VA where VFWG maintains a field office (main office is located in Afton, VA). Occasional work outside of the Richmond area may be required and the potential for the position to extend beyond 800 hours or become full-time is possible.

Send resume and references to: Principal, Virginia Forestry and Wildlife Group Email: cgoodall@vaforestwild.com