



North Woods Steward Skidmore Sustainability Office

Location: Skidmore College

Dates: Summer 2015 (1st & 2nd Summer Session), 25 hours/week

Pay: \$10/hour and room and board provided at Skidmore College

Description:

The Skidmore Sustainability Office is looking for two organized, self-directed, responsible students who have some existing skills related to trail maintenance, outdoor education, communication, or other related areas. The successful applicants will have good public relations skills and be comfortable interacting with visitors in the North Woods. CPR and First Aid certification as well as GIS knowledge and website development are desirable skills.

The positions run from June 1st through August 7th, 2015. The Stewards will report to Emily Davidson, Sustainability Fellow. Stewards will work the 10-week period stated above, for regularly scheduled hours.

Duties:

Monitoring Physical Condition of North Woods

- Maintain, monitor and record physical appearance/health of the woods, including litter removal and trail maintenance
- Keep records of visitor use

Information

- Inform visitors about the details and goals of the stewardship program.
- Maintain kiosks, trail markers and signage so that visitors and campus safety know woods layout
- Work with the GIS lab to continue to update and create data points and maps of the North Woods
- Compile the interview information and other research about the woods into a useable format for future North Woods Stewards and others
- Help maintain Skidmore Sustainability Office and North Woods websites & manage the North Woods Blog

Reach Out to Saratoga Community

- Build Friends of the Skidmore North Woods Membership
- Conduct public outreach, such as lectures and guided hikes for community groups and others

Skidmore Community Garden Support

- Help plant, maintain and harvest the Skidmore Community Garden
- On average, stewards will each spend about 5 hours/week at the garden working on garden tasks.
- Task will include: planting, making garden beds, weeding, harvesting, delivering food to the dining hall, campus outreach about the garden and any other duties the garden may require

Independent Research Project

- Outline a proposed research project linked to the North Woods and complete the work as well as a summary of your research question, methods, and results by August 7th.

Documentation

- Write a report summarizing the summer North Woods / sustainability activities: **Due August 7th**
- Include a section on recommendations for future stewardship and sustainability

Preferred Qualifications:

- CPR & First Aid Certification
- GIS Coursework
- Coursework in the Natural Sciences
- Previous Experience in Trail Maintenance

Requirements:

- **Submission of Interest Letter, Resume, and Two References (at least one Skidmore faculty/staff)**
- Passion for sustainability and the outdoors
- Some previous experience with physical work
- Previous Experience in Community Outreach or Education
- Self-Starter

**Please Submit Materials by March 1, 2015
with North Woods Steward Application as the Subject Line to:
sustainability@skidmore.edu**

Candidates will be notified by March 6, 2015 in regards to their application and top candidates may be asked for interviews prior to their hire.