



North Woods Steward Skidmore Sustainability Office

Spring 2020, 3-4 hours/week

Pay: \$9.75/hour

Description:

The Skidmore Sustainability Office is looking for an organized, self-directed, responsible student who has some existing skills related to trail maintenance, outdoor education, communication, and/or other relevant experience. The North Woods are a resource for academic research, recreation, and a place for contemplation and solace. The Steward will care for the land and the trails and seek opportunities to work with the campus community to foster opportunities for education and well-being. A successful applicant 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 position will be active through May 2020, with potential to extend into a summer position. The Steward will report to the Sustainability Coordinator for Student Programming. Stewards will work 3-4 hours per week. Primary initiatives for this fall and spring will be to maintain trails, contribute to research and work with the Lands Management Subcommittee, and coordinate events.

Responsibilities:

Monitoring Physical Condition of North Woods

- Maintain, monitor and record physical appearance/health of the woods, including litter removal, firepit removal, and trail maintenance.
- Research and implement erosion control strategies.

Information

- Inform visitors about the details and goals of the stewardship program with tours.
- Maintain kiosks and trail markers/signage.
- Help maintain the North Woods website, and manage the Friends of the North Woods Facebook page.

Reach Out to Saratoga and Skidmore Community

- Collaborate with student groups, staff, and faculty to get students into the woods.
- Lead volunteer days with students.
- Conduct public outreach, such as lectures and guided hikes for community groups and others.

Requirements:

- **Submission of cover letter with 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.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Coursework in the natural sciences
- Previous experience with trail maintenance
- CPR & First Aid certification
- GIS coursework

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Application review begins immediately. Please submit materials with North Woods Steward
Application as the subject line to: sustainability@skidmore.edu**