



Graduate & Undergraduate Resource/Recreation Management Opportunities

TITLE:	Salmon River Steward (up to 4 positions available)
LOCATION:	Salmon River Corridor, Oswego County, NY
DURATION:	May 21 - Approximately November 5, 2008
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	ongoing until positions are filled

Summary of Position:

The Salmon River Stewards monitor NYSDEC properties along the Salmon River corridor including sites in Oswego County, NY. This includes both reservoirs, the Salmon River from the upper reservoir to the mouth at Port Ontario, the Salmon River Fish Hatchery, NYS Unique Areas, and State Forest lands. The stewards are the goodwill ambassadors at these sites and promote environmentally sound recreational use and stewardship of New York's natural resources through public education. Stewards also participate in research projects, conduct maintenance work on DEC properties, monitor use of areas, survey users, and provide both scheduled and informal public outreach (education) programs for the surrounding community.

Salmon River Stewards will develop a media project under the supervision of the Steward Coordinator and the New York Sea Grant Great Lakes Activities Publicist. This project will include a newspaper article, public outreach program, and project summary paper complete with photos. Topics related to the natural resources of the Salmon River corridor will be considered for the media project. The Steward Coordinator has the final determination in topic appropriateness.

Salmon River Stewards are required to work all weekends and holidays. One weekend off will be arranged during the season. River Stewards will submit weekly written reports of daily work completed, problems encountered, and a summary of weekly duties performed to the Steward Coordinator. River Stewards are supervised by the Steward Coordinator and supervise no other employees; however, supervision of volunteers may be required. Successful candidates will be expected to wear a uniform (provided) while on duty.

The Eastern Lake Ontario Dune Steward & Salmon River Steward Program is managed by New York Sea Grant in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Parks, and The Nature Conservancy.

Duties include but are not limited to the following:

1. Conduct one-on-one onsite public education, interpretive field trips, monitor sites along the river, reservoirs, and forest lands of the Salmon River corridor, prepare media project, educational materials, press releases and other materials as requested.
2. Educate the public regarding the significance of the natural resources of the Salmon River corridor and the importance of the regulations that are vital to their protection through discussions, handouts, and presentations.
3. Educate the public regarding current topics that could influence the natural resources of the Salmon River corridor (invasive species, botulism, VHS, etc.).
4. Conduct informal and formal outreach programs in the local community.
5. Maintain signs, fences and other structures as needed.
6. Monitor aquatic habitats and human usage throughout the corridor.
7. Assist the NYSDEC Fisheries, Wildlife and Forestry staff as needed.
8. Assist the NYSDEC Salmon River Coordinator at the Salmon River Hatchery Visitor Center when requested by the NY Sea Grant Steward Coordinator.
9. Meet regularly with the other Stewards and the Steward Coordinator to coordinate system-wide activities, exchange information, raise issues, and explore solutions to problems.

Knowledge/Skills:

1. Mature personality with excellent interpersonal communication skills. Must have the ability to successfully present information and communicate ideas to a diverse audience, and to react in a positive, proactive manner in confrontational circumstances.
2. Minimum 2 years combined education and experience in environmental education, natural resources management, biology, environmental studies, or a related field preferred. Familiarity with Tug Hill/Salmon River/Lake Ontario flora and fauna preferred but not necessary.
3. Ability to work independently and responsibly with minimal supervision.
4. Excellent technical writing skills preferred.
5. Ability to accurately collect and summarize data according to established protocol.
6. Willingness to work all weekends and holidays.
7. Valid driver's license. Must provide own transportation to work sites and meeting locations.
8. Ability to perform physical labor and participate in strenuous physical activity.
9. Ability to use a small motorboat and canoe preferred.
10. Enthusiasm about protecting a unique ecosystem!!!!

Additional Notes:

Graduate students are encouraged to apply and use this opportunity to conduct their research. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of earning college credit (undergraduate/graduate) while gaining valuable employment experience, please apply.

Hourly Wage: \$9/hour; 35 hours/week

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