



Open Position: Field Assistant

Do you love and support the Verde River? Does the prospect of working to protect one of the Southwest's last remaining flowing rivers get you excited? Friends of the Verde River is looking for an enthusiastic hard worker to join our team. Specifically, if you are skilled in habitat restoration, data collection, and power equipment operation, we want you to apply for the full-time seasonal position of Field Assistant. This is a good job for someone with invasive plant management skills who wants to move into leadership positions.

Friends of the Verde River is a nonprofit conservation organization that works collaboratively to restore habitat, sustain river flows, and promote community stewardship to support a healthy Verde River system. The Verde River is one of the few remaining perennially flowing rivers in Arizona.

The Field Assistant supports our habitat restoration program by working with the program coordinator on coordinating contract and volunteer field crews conducting fieldwork throughout the Verde Watershed. This a full-time, 26 week seasonal, hourly position. Weekend and early morning work may be required depending on field crew scheduling. Preferred start date: Oct 1, 2019 (potentially flexible).

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Coordinating and planning day-to-day crew logistics.
- Transport, maintenance, and operation of wood chipper using Friends' truck.
- Maintaining communication with crew leaders.
- Assisting with crew training and quality control in the field.
- Coordinating with landowners, as necessary.
- Providing quality control of data collected in the field.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to identify target invasive plants and knowledge of invasive plant management treatment techniques.
- Able to read maps, both paper and digital, and follow written and verbal instructions.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively with the Habitat Program Coordinator, other staff and contract and volunteer crew leaders.
- Experience with operation and safety practices of heavy power tools, wood chippers, and chainsaw experience is preferred.
- Experience with Geographic Information Systems; specifically, Collector for ArcGIS is preferred.

Position Requirements:

- Must be 21 years of age and hold a valid Driver's License, be insurable, and have experience driving a truck pulling a trailer on unpaved surfaces.
- Work requires lifting at least 30 lbs., walking on uneven, steep, rocky and sometimes wet terrain, including crossing streams.
- Must have excellent communication skills, a positive attitude, and the ability to make sound decisions.
- 1-year minimum field experience in habitat restoration and/or invasive plant management.

Compensation: \$14.50/hour, 40 hours per week

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume to: TracyS@verderiver.org

Application Deadline: August 16, 2019

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