

FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE: *Job Openings, Summer 2019*

Title: Assistant River Steward

Where: The Wild and Scenic Farmington River

Job Description:

The Farmington River Coordinating Committee has several Assistant River Steward job openings for the summer of 2019. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who can generate an appreciation for the environment, help reduce litter, be a source of information, and assist people in enjoying a safe day recreating on the water. This is a terrific opportunity to be outdoors and make a difference in your community.

We have two types of positions available:

1) Contracted workers who will be paid a stipend for their help. These assistant stewards will be scheduled to work typically around 16 hours/week when the river sees the most users - weekends and holidays.

2) Volunteers - Perfect for local residents wanting to be active in their town, get outdoors and help a worthwhile cause. Volunteers can choose how much time to commit, and when.

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Be a role model for proper etiquette on the river.
- Teach people about the 'No Glass No Trash' motto, and 'Carry Out what you Carry In'.
- Interact with the various users on the river to educate, survey and provide information on fishing regulations and didymo.
- Paddle the river with provided inflatable kayaks.
- Post frequently to social media, help with online contests and campaigns.
- Help promote the Junior River Ranger Program to youths.
- Be able to report problems on the water to the authorities or river steward.
- Provide assistance at various FRCC events under the direction of the River Steward.
- Occasional trash pick-up and helping with invasive plant removal.
- Visit local businesses to promote our mission and hand out flyers.
- Advertise the steward program at local events, including staffing a booth.
- Recruit other people and organizations to help keep the river clean.
- Submit bi-weekly reports to the River Steward.

Additionally, each steward will be asked to:

1) Help collect and compile data on the various user groups that frequent the river. This information will assist in building a Recreational Management Plan for the Farmington River. Data collection may vary from hand counting to using electronic methods.

2) Produce one educational program during the summer for the public on a topic they are knowledgeable about, or have an interest in. The stewards will help advertise the program and host it at the campground, People's Forest or Satan's Kingdom. This program could be a simple

lecture, a hands on fishing clinic, or a walk near the river pointing out local fauna just to give a few ideas.

Required knowledge, skill, and abilities:

- Majoring in conservation or similar outdoor field is preferred
- Must have internet, cell phone and email access (this is often how we will communicate)
- Love to work with people and be a good teacher
- Great communication skills are required
- Skilled in kayaking, canoeing or fishing is a plus
- Ability to relate to a wide variety of people from different backgrounds
- Must be able to judge situations
- Be good at working both independently and other times with a team

Job Requirements:

Applicants will be required to submit a resume and a work application form. Please download from our website at:

http://farmingtonriversteward.org/index.php/download_file/view/39/158

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and have their own transportation. All will attend a training day (date TBD) before the season starts. The dates for this position are between 6/1/19 and 8/25/19.

Work Environment:

The work is usually conducted outdoors near or on the river. You will be working with other people on a team, and will often interact with users on the river – fishermen, kayakers, tubers, rafters, walkers, swimmers and picnickers. There will be a fair amount of walking involved and occasional lifting.

How to Apply:

Please email your resume and completed work application form to mail@farmingtonriversteward.org. Application deadline is March 31st, 2019.