

Volunteer Habitat Restoration Intern



Friends of the Cedar River Watershed

Friends of the Cedar River Watershed (FCRW) is an award-winning 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the protection and conservation of the Lake Washington / Cedar / Sammamish Watershed through restoration, education, and stewardship. The watershed is home to more than 83 species of fish and wildlife and 14 species of concern such as sockeye salmon and the endangered Chinook salmon. It is also home to 22% of Washington's human population. The watershed is our home. Its future is ours.

Through innovative collaborations with municipalities, schools, individuals, and businesses, we link local citizens to environmental stewardship efforts including volunteer habitat restoration events, salmon recovery efforts, and conservation and education programs in order to preserve these finite resources for future generations.

Volunteer Habitat Restoration Internship

The Volunteer Habitat Restoration Program (VHR) engages youth and adult volunteers in hands-on restoration activities. Volunteer activities include the removal of invasive species and weed suppression, planting of native plants, watering, weeding, mulching, and monitoring. The VHR internship focuses on learning and understanding the habitat restoration process and assisting with volunteer events, including volunteer management and environmental education.

Duties

- Assist with volunteer events, including volunteer management, set up, clean up, and safety
- Provide environmental education to volunteers and community
- Professionally represent FCRW to community, partners, and volunteers
- Volunteer recruitment
- Office work including data entry, filing, organizing, and other tasks as assigned

Qualifications

- Knowledge of restoration ecology, native and invasive plants of the Pacific Northwest, and forest succession
- Excellent public speaking skills
- Ability to manage time and people effectively in a sometimes chaotic environment
- Self-starter, reliable, and able to work with minimal supervision
- A naturally friendly and accommodating personality
- Reliable personal transportation
- Flexibility to work most Saturdays

Hours

Minimum commitment of 5-10 office hours per week and 2 weekend restoration events per month.

Compensation

This is an unpaid position. The internship builds public speaking skills, leadership skills, understanding of community organization and recruitment, knowledge of the watershed and habitat restoration process, and ability to educate the public on environmental topics. We are happy to work with interns to develop other related skills that are beneficial to personal career path and goals.

To Apply

Please submit resume and letter of interest outlining your qualifications to Amy Kaeser at amy@cedarriver.org by August 29. Priority given to earlier applicants.