



SUMMER 2012 INTERNSHIP

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Position: Grand Prairie Friends (GPF) seeks interested applicants for two full-time summer internship positions for summer 2012 in ecological stewardship and management of natural areas in east-central Illinois. Interns will work independently and as a team to control and remove exotic, invasive plant species from prairie and woodland natural areas using mechanical and chemical techniques. Educational opportunities include outings in the field with natural resource professionals, scientists, and volunteers. Interns might also assist with planting native plant seedlings and collecting native plant seed. A truck is provided for transportation to and from sites.

Qualifications: Applicants should be highly self-motivated and able to work with little or no direct supervision. Applicants must be willing and able to work in the field under a variety of environmental conditions. Completed college level course work in the biological and ecological sciences is preferred. Ability or willingness to operate hand and power tools including bow saws, clippers, power brushcutter, chainsaw, etc. is also preferred. A pesticide applicator license will be required at the start of the internship. A valid automobile driver's license is required.

Rate: \$9.00/hr including up to \$300.00 in mileage reimbursement expenses for personal vehicle use.

Time Period: Position begins on or about May 15 and will continue to approximately August 31 (start and end times are flexible).

To ensure full consideration for the internship, applications should be received by **March 23, 2012**. Please send letter of application, resume, and contact information for three references to:

James Ellis (james.ellis72@gmail.com)
re: Grand Prairie Friends-Summer Internship

Specific questions regarding the summer internship can be directed to James Ellis (james.ellis72@gmail.com or 217.244.5695).

GPF is an all-volunteer not-for-profit conservation organization with a mission to preserve and restore natural communities in east-central Illinois and promote an understanding and appreciation of natural resources. More information about GPF can be found at grandprairiefriends.org.