



Job Title: Ranger-Park Technician
Reports to: Director
FLSA Status: Non-exempt
Supervises: Seasonal Staff and Volunteers
Salary: \$45,000-\$51,970/year DOE

Position Overview:

The Iowa County Conservation Board is seeking a motivated and resourceful individual for a full-time, permanent Ranger-Park Technician position. This Ranger-Park Technician position is responsible for park operations, maintenance and safety of park visitors, wildlife, and facilities. This position also helps provide campers and park users with a positive experience while visiting Iowa County parks.

Responsibilities and Skills:

- Performs Park duties such as grounds & facilities maintenance, collecting camping registrations and fees.
- Prioritizes public safety and enforcement of Iowa County Conservations rules and regulations. Performs safety checks for all park facilities, including playgrounds, walkways, trails, buildings and grounds areas.
- Research funding sources and writes grants that help improve the quality of our parks.
- Performs maintenance duties including, but not limited to, cleaning facilities, repairing park facilities as needed, routinely servicing equipment and vehicles.
- Manage properties and works with staff to accomplish conservation goals.
- Supervises seasonal workers including, but not limited to, assigning, checking and planning the work of seasonal staff and volunteers.
- Educates seasonal staff on the proper and safe use of equipment and ensures policies are followed.
- Assists in planning major park projects to ensure proper staffing and deadlines are set.
- Answers emergency calls and provides support by patrolling the parks to ensure safety of the park visitors, wildlife, and facilities.
- Participates in mandatory weekend duty rotation, serving as the primary emergency contact every third weekend.
- **May live at Lake Iowa Park, housing available**
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to have generous intent with the team.
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize job activities to achieve maximum overall results.
- Ability to develop and maintain positive interpersonal relationships internally and with external contacts.
- Ability to operate equipment such as drills, saws, lawn mowers, utility tractors, weed trimmers, chainsaws, etc.
- Ability to perform basic equipment maintenance.
- Ability to work on basic construction needs.



- Ability to provide informative and professional assistance when working with the public, customers and county personnel.
- Ability to provide public programming and environmental education.
- Ability to supervise assigned personnel in performance of their duties such that performance exceeds or meets expectations.
- Ability to work with others in the attainment of department duties and county goals.
- Demonstration of good oral and written communication and organizational skills.
- Knowledge of wildlife protection, and conservation.
- Ability to interact with individuals of all ages and backgrounds.
- Microsoft Windows and Office, email, and other basic computer resources.
- GIS/GPS equipment
- Other tools and equipment used in natural resource management.

Qualifications: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Education:

- 2-year or 4-year (college or technical school) and 2-years conservation experience or equivalent work-related experience.

Certifications: Preference given to candidates who currently hold these certifications, but will also consider those who are willing to obtain within listed time:

- Valid pesticide applicators license in category 6 (right-of-way) (within 1 year).
- Valid, Class B, Commercial driver's license (within 1 year)
- Wildland Fire Certifications – S130 and S190 (within 1 year)

Preferred Skills

- Experience with equipment operation and equipment maintenance.
 - Demonstrates proficiency in basic plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and mechanical repairs as they relate to park facilities
- Knowledge of Iowa's native and invasive weed species.
- Experience in the public sector, budget work, public meetings, etc.
- Experience with patrolling duties in a park or natural resource setting.
- Must Pass pre-employment physical, drug screen, and Job Placement Assessment
- Must be able to pass background check, have a valid Iowa Drivers License and insurable under County Liability coverage.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an



employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee is frequently required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, grasp, handle or feel; climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, push or pull and reach with hands and arms. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 10 pounds, regularly lift and/or move up to 20 pounds and occasionally exert up to 50 pounds of force to move objects. The visual requirements for this position are similar to those classified as skilled tradespeople (ie: carpenters, technicians, plumbers, painters, mechanics, etc.).

Work Environment:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The worker is subject to both inside and outside environmental conditions. The worker is subject to extreme cold and extreme heat. The worker is subject to hazards including moving mechanical parts, handling chemicals, electrical current, working on scaffolding and high places. Frequently this position is required to travel to transport equipment and to attend meetings.

THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE AN “ALL-INCLUSIVE” LIST OF THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB DESCRIBED OR OF THE SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE JOB. RATHER, THEY ARE INTENDED ONLY TO DESCRIBE THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOB.

Benefits:

- Full County health benefits
- IPERS retirement Plan
- Paid time off
- Opportunities for training and professional development
- On site housing is available



HOW TO APPLY:

Submit the following materials by _____ Date

1. Completed Iowa County Job Application ([Located here](#))
2. Cover Letter
3. Resume
4. Contact information for three professional references

Send application materials by mail or email to:

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