Immediate Opening – 16 November 2018

Description

Park Conservationist

(Oversight of Wildlife Habitat Management and Facilities Maintenance)

Background

The Conestee Foundation is a non-profit conservation organization that owns Lake Conestee Nature Park, located in Greenville County, SC. The nature park is a 400+ acre preserve including forestlands, meadows, emergent and forested wetlands, and extensive riparian buffer habitats. All park lands are managed according to conservation objectives dictated by a conservation easement, forest and farm management plans, state authorized wildlife sanctuary status, and sensitive bird habitat requirements. The park is an Important Bird Area of Global Significance, and is a partner with Audubon of South Carolina. Portions of the park are subject to environmental restrictions and regulatory requirements under SCDHEC authority, and approximately 150 acres is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park includes over 12 miles of patron trails and boardwalks used for passive recreation and another mile of service roads. The park also has numerous wildlife observation decks, and outdoor teaching areas. LCNP provides extensive nature education programming through formal naturalist-guided classes and through self-guided resources.

Position Requirements

This Park Conservationist position is responsible for oversight, direction, coordination, and execution of the maintenance, management, service, support, and upkeep of the habitats and recreational and educational assets of LCNP. This position entails natural resource management, part-time employee supervision, maintenance of park resources, and related administrative duties. This person assures the safety and upkeep of park facilities, monitoring of natural resources, managing the Foundation’s lands according to its forest, farm, and wildlife conservation plans, and support of its educational and recreation objectives. The Park Conservationist is responsible for partnering with numerous local, state, and federal agencies and allied organizations in assuring the park meets its conservation objectives. This person will engage with allied organizations and agencies to pursue related conservation grants. This person serves as a park contact for resource management purposes.

Core Competencies

Conservation and Maintenance

Experience with (1) habitat management driven by conservation objectives, (2) forest management and hazard tree management, (3) experience supervising tradesmen and
maintenance staff, (4) park planning, (5) managing contracts, contractors, and vendors, and (6) purchasing of capital equipment, goods, and services.

- Working knowledge of construction, maintenance, and repair of trails and park infrastructure in a nature park setting.
- Demonstrated ability to monitor, manage and protect natural, historic, and cultural resources and manage day-to-day activities of park operations.

**Safety**

- Ensures the protection and safety of employees, patrons, and the general public, with regard to safety and compliance codes, appropriate park practices, park regulations, rules, and applicable laws and regulations.
- Perform routine inspections and evaluations of park facilities, operations, programs, and projects.

**Administration and Leadership**

- Proficient in use of computer hardware, software, and office productivity resources.
- Monitors and reports on budgets, and provides data for planning purposes.
- Effective team management, project management, and leadership skills.
- Demonstrated communication skills and experience working with a diverse community.

**Preferred Qualifications**

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to the following: graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in natural resources management, recreation and park management, or other pertinent related field; plus four years of experience in work related to forest management, wildlife management, parks or recreation, protection of land and water resources, including responsible administrative/managerial experience.

**Necessary and Special Requirements**

Valid motor vehicle driver's license. The position will be required to complete a criminal background check, a check of the child protective services registry, a driving record check, and a pre-employment physical and drug screening.

**Commitment**

Estimated 30 to 40 hrs/week: part fixed, part flexible to accommodate special events. The position offers a competitive salary and benefits package depending on experience.

**Conestee Foundation Point of Contact**

The Foundation does not discriminate based on race, sex, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or disability. Send statement of interest, resume, and
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