Seasonal Piping Plover Monitor

Organization: St. Louis River Alliance

Category: Seasonal/Temporary

Wages $11/hour

Start date: season starts 5/1/16, with training scheduled before season start

Last Date to apply: 4/22/16

Description: Positions available for 4 seasonal Piping Plover Monitors for 20-30 hours a week from May 1st through June 15, 2016. Primary job responsibilities include monitoring selected sections of beach on Minnesota and Wisconsin Point during morning (6:00-9:00 am) and evening activity times (6:00-9:00 pm). Monitors are responsible for:

- Completing data sheets for each location recording presence/absence data, habitat information, beach disturbance data, and report any illegal activities on the beach.
- Walking the length of the designated location to accurately record information about beach conditions and bird activity.
- Using optics to spot birds on the beach including binoculars and spotting scope.
- Completing some public outreach activities including but not limited to education in the field while walking, teaching school groups, encouraging the public to follow all leash laws and beach ordinances.
- Maintaining predators exclosures or fenced off nesting areas, hanging signs, taking photos of beach conditions or disturbances.

Qualifications: Applicants with the following qualifications will be given preference but all are encouraged to apply:

- In possession of or currently seeking a B.S. in biology, wildlife ecology, or a related field
- Experience with bird identification and the ability to use a spotting scope
- Experience collecting habitat data and completing legible data sheets
- Ability to walk off path on sandy surfaces for extended periods of time while carrying a pack of equipment.
- Ability to lift and carry 30 pounds.
- Ability to use email and online calendars for scheduling.
- Driver’s license and willingness to use personal vehicle
- Tolerance for conducting field work under adverse conditions including: early mornings, late evenings, cold weather, rain, heat, sun exposure, insects, wildlife hazards, and work in mildly remote locations.

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