



Conservation Board Cerro Gordo County

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(7/09) **NATURALIST INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

POSITION: A naturalist internship at the **Lime Creek Nature Center** in Mason City, Iowa.

EMPLOYMENT PERIOD: 24 weeks, starting in August of 2009 and ending in January of 2010 (specific starting and ending dates somewhat flexible, depending on schedule of applicant). 40hrs./week (non-routine week, Mon. - Sun.).

SALARY: \$10.00/hr with no benefits.

DESCRIPTION: Intern will assist Natural Resource Manager-Environmental Education in carrying out environmental education programming for the Cerro Gordo County Conservation Board and Lime Creek Nature Center. Major duties include providing programs and field trips for a variety of audiences; creating and improving displays and bulletin boards in the Lime Creek Nature Center; and writing articles and press releases. **Other special projects include one major project for the nature center, water quality monitoring, resource management activities, and professional workshop opportunities.** Interns will receive valuable practical experience and continuing education during employment. **Since 1995, fifteen of our naturalist interns have received full-time employment in conservation.**

QUALIFICATIONS: Either be enrolled in or have a degree in one of the following fields: natural resources, wildlife biology, environmental education/interpretation, or biology/ecology/environmental studies.

REQUIREMENTS: The ability to effectively apply knowledge and common sense to solve problems and/or achieve work objectives; ability to routinely stand, walk, sit, kneel, stoop, balance, climb and operate power hand tools; ability to work outdoors in extreme weather conditions and be exposed to dust, fumes and loud noises; ability to routinely lift 50 lbs.; ability to follow written and oral instructions; possess a valid Iowa drivers license and maintain an acceptable driving record. Cerro Gordo County is a pre-employment physical and drug screening employer.

TO APPLY: To be considered for employment, individual must submit an official Cerro Gordo County Job Application Form to: **Mary Ermer, Office Manager, Cerro Gordo County Conservation Board, 3501 Lime Creek Road, Mason City, Iowa 50401.** For more information and/or to request an application & job description, call **(641) 423-5309.**

DEADLINE: Applications must be received on or before **Friday, August 7, 2009** or can be dropped off at the Lime Creek Nature Center by **4:00pm on 8/7/09.**