

Seasonal Conservation Worker



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High School Courses

- Forestry
- Plant Science/Biology
- Business
- Chemistry



Education/Training

- High school diploma or equivalent
- On the job training
- Optional 2-year degree



Responsibilities

- Conduct plot measurements
- Follow state and federal regulation
- Obtain landowner permission
- Conduct size-based sampling of trees and saplings
- Enter data and maintain quality control
- Use GIS to find and access plots



Skills

- Follow instructions
- Pay attention to detail
- Use spreadsheets and other data collection and analysis tools
- Think scientifically
- Communicate effectively
- Adapt to changing conditions in your surroundings



Abilities/Personality

- Strong, able to lift 50 pounds
- Able to hike long distances
- Hardworking
- Reliable



Work Environment

Seasonal conservation workers have a wide variety of work conditions depending on the position. Most seasonal workers will work outdoors in all types of weather and perform some tasks that are physically demanding. Some seasonal positions require workers to have background knowledge in forestry or other areas.

Job Description

Seasonal conservation workers are often students who are interested in a career in natural resources or curious about working in nature. Seasonal conservation workers are hired for internships, limited term employment (LTE), or summer positions. They undergo training specific to their position and work under a professional supervisor. Seasonal workers in forestry often identify trees, plant and care for trees, mark and measure trees, or collect specific tree inventory data.

Salary Range

