

## **Description of Duties for Restoration Ecology Aide**

### **Place:**

Locations vary with time of year and task assigned. Meet at the Administrative Building.

### **Time:**

Regular volunteer schedule: Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Other weekdays or limited weekends are possible by prior arrangement. Volunteers can work a few hours per week or occasionally as your schedule permits.

### **Duties:**

#### **April to September**

- 1) Weeding at Lake Trail, Butterfly Habitat and other restoration sites.
- 2) Mulching, planting, clipping, dead heading and stump treating plants.
- 3) Planting and watering new plantings.
- 4) Other duties as agreed upon.

#### **September to October**

- 1) Seed collecting: can be done for any length of time on any sunny, dry day.
- 2) Prairie planting: hand-seeding with staff in designated areas.

#### **October to Spring**

- 1) Seed cleaning (removing seed from chaff): requires patience for tedious, often dusty, indoor work, but can be done at home as well as at the Wilds.

### **Qualifications:**

- 1) Ability to work outside (at times in hot or cold weather).
- 2) May require bending, standing, hiking (depending on activity).
- 3) Willingness to work alone or in a team setting.
- 4) Flexibility to work on a range of projects other than those listed above.

### **Benefits:**

- 1) Help to restore damaged lands to productive and diverse habitats.
- 2) Learn about Restoration Ecology projects and wildlife.
- 3) Gain hands-on experience while enjoying the beautiful outdoor setting.
- 4) Opportunities to work alone, in pairs or as a team (depending on activities).

### **Other Information:**

- 1) Recommended that volunteers wear sturdy shoes, long pants and dress for the weather.
- 2) Volunteers will need to bring their own snacks, lunch and water bottle.
- 3) May want to wear sun block and bug repellent during the summer months.