



Oklahoma Forestry Services

A Division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry

Outreach Notice

Intern Forester 2018

Also GIS and Environmental Education Interns

Locations: Wilburton, Idabel and Goldsby, Oklahoma

Housing is available

Approximate Salary: \$15/hour paid bi-weekly, 40 hour work week

Employment Dates: Negotiable, 8-12 consecutive weeks between May 1 – August 31 depending upon school schedules

Application Deadline: February 28, 2018

JOIN US AT OKLAHOMA FORESTRY SERVICES FOR A GREAT SUMMER!

WE ARE ACCEPTING RESUMES FOR INTERNS FOR SUMMER 2018. EXPERIENCE A WIDE RANGE OF DUTIES COMMON TO MANY STATE FORESTRY AGENCIES AND SOME UNIQUE TO OKLAHOMA. WORK ALONGSIDE PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS.

Major Duties: Interns will work alongside foresters, rangers and staff all summer long. Here's a sample of past intern projects:

- measure progeny tests for genetic gains in McCurtain County
- recon and plan prescribed burn units on BOR land in Comanche and Jackson Counties
- plan, calibrate, and spray seedlings in McClain County
- conduct seedling survivals in LeFlore County
- pack and plant containerized shortleaf and loblolly seeds in McCurtain County
- meet with groundskeepers at Oak Tree Country Club in Oklahoma County
- push firelines in preparation for USFS prescribed burns in LeFlore County
- attend Youth Forestry Camp as counselors and teachers at Beaver's Bend SP in McCurtain County
- assist with shortleaf pine prescribed burns in Latimer and LeFlore counties
- inspect tree nurseries in Cherokee County
- suppress a wildfire in Pushmataha County
- assist with cruise plots on Keystone Ancient Forest in Osage County
- complete S-130 and -190 at Broken Bow Fire Department in McCurtain County
- assist with FSP preparation in Latimer County
- assist with McGee Creek prescribed burn project in Atoka County
- plan and conduct a financial analysis for building a greenhouse in McClain County
- learn about the water quality impacts of development in Cherokee County



Interns during a water quality field trip while floating down the Illinois River in eastern Oklahoma.

Education and Experience: Requirements for an intern are two or more semesters of university course work toward a bachelor's degree in forestry, GIS, or environmental education from an accredited university.

More Information and How to Apply: Contact Craig Marquardt at 918.465.2082 with questions about the positions. You may email questions to craig.marquardt@ag.ok.gov. To apply, email a resume and one page narrative to Craig Marquardt describing your school experience and qualifications and explaining why you are the best candidate for our summer intern program.

Oklahoma Forestry Services' Internship Program: The agency is committed to the development of professional foresters and those in related disciplines during their school years. The internship program strives to put forestry students alongside professional foresters, forest rangers, and staff to give those students a closer look at the broad array of programs typically delivered by state forestry agencies. This includes areas varied as pine and hardwood management on private lands, timber stand improvement, environmental education, urban forestry, forest genetics, prescribed fire, forest regeneration, equipment operation, and seedling cultivation. Interns in other disciplines have opportunities all summer long to work alongside professionals in their chosen areas of interest as well. Timely opportunities to participate in unique projects seem to pop up every year and broaden the interns' experiences.

The program's dates and duration are designed to fit school schedules unique to forestry majors. Beginning and ending dates are flexible, based upon the student's school schedule, and recognize that most forestry students are required to attend summer sessions to develop field skills. The program is designed for a number of consecutive weeks and is not well-suited for intermittent weeks.

State Description: Oklahoma is usually depicted as a land of wide-open prairies and few trees. People are generally surprised to learn that more than one-quarter of the state's 44 million acres is forested. Oklahoma's landscape is currently covered with approximately 12.6 million acres of forests. The state's most productive forests, in terms of growth rates and timber harvesting activity, are found in the eastern and southeastern part of the state, but forests with unique and significant values can be found statewide.

Location and Recreational Resources:

Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department - www.travelok.com

About Oklahoma Forestry Services: Oklahoma Forestry Services consists of a relatively small team of professional foresters, firefighters/rangers, and support staff. The organization's size provides employees a variety of work experiences, the opportunity to assist with other operations, and a diversity of special projects.

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Interns learn about sowing tree seeds at OFS's Forest Regeneration Center.

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