

Seasonal Employment Opportunities

Park attendants assist regular park staff in handling the large volumes of summer visitors that frequent Kansas parks. Duties include informing visitors of opportunities in the parks, fee collection, and clerical work. Park attendants also have opportunities to assist with other activities, providing opportunities for varied experience. Communication and human relations skills are important.

Maintenance assistants work mainly in parks ground management, operating equipment and assisting with facility development. Duties include grounds grooming, building construction and repair, and a variety of maintenance responsibilities. Like other seasonal employees, maintenance and repair assistants generally have many opportunities to work on a variety of projects. Human relations skills are important.

Biologist aides conduct a variety of duties, working under the instruction of district fisheries and wildlife biologists. Aides assist in sampling activities, data compilation, equipment maintenance and a variety of other duties. Summer aides also may assist with public programs and should possess good communications skills.

Creel clerks work at state-managed waters, interviewing anglers and recording information regarding fishing success. Creel clerks, especially, must have excellent communication, human relations, and organizational skills.

Graduate research assistants are infrequently hired to conduct special field research projects, working under the direction of department research biologists. Upper level and graduate students are generally preferred candidates for such positions.

FOR INFORMATION . . .

Interested applicants wanting more information about employment opportunities should contact the Personnel Office, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 512 SE 25th Ave. Pratt, KS 67124, (620) 672-5911.

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OUR MISSION

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has the unique responsibility of protecting and conserving our natural resources, while at the same time managing our parks, wildlife areas, and lakes to provide enjoyable outdoor recreation opportunities for all Kansans. As the public guardian of the natural resources of this state and servant of the people, the mission of the Department of Wildlife and Parks is to:

Conserve and Enhance Kansas' natural heritage, its wildlife and its habitats – to assure future generations the benefits of the state's diverse, living resources;

Provide the public with opportunities for use and appreciation of the natural resources of Kansas, consistent with the conservation of those resources;

Inform the public of the status of the natural resources of Kansas to promote understanding and gain assistance in achieving this mission.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

The Department's 400,000 acres include both public wildlife areas and parks. Environmental protection and private land wildlife management are also priority department functions.

Many of today's top professional wildlife managers began their careers in seasonal posi-

tions with natural resources agencies. In fact, such experience is generally perceived as essential for college students who plan to be top prospects for full-time natural resource professional employment.

OUR NEEDS

Most seasonal employment opportunities are in the Parks Division and the Fisheries and Wildlife Division. The nature of duties involved will vary according to area needs and management plans. Most positions within the Parks Division are needed during the summer months. Positions used are park attendants, interpretive naturalists, and maintenance assistants. Responsibilities may involve a variety of duties which provide diverse experiences for a natural resource career.

The Fisheries and Wildlife Division employment opportunities are generally for biologist's aides, creel clerks, and graduate research assistants. Most of these positions are also filled for summer months, but some are available in other seasons and may last for more than the standard three-month period.

MORE THAN JUST A JOB

One of the most important benefits of seasonal employment is that it allows college students to get acquainted with prospective future employers in the natural resource management field. Also, it permits college students to demonstrate their abilities in applied situations, where they have an opportunity to be recognized by people who will make full-time hiring decisions.

Seasonal employment also allows college stu-

dents to determine whether the natural resource management field will provide a suitable career. It helps some students select fields of specialty in natural resource management.

Women and men who are motivated by natural resource management and are willing to apply extra effort will be top candidates for seasonal experience. Those who combine these traits with sound written and verbal communication skills and aptitudes for human relations will have the best employment opportunities.

THE PAYCHECK

Pay for seasonal employees begins at \$7.56 per hour. Careers in natural resource management offer the opportunity to work for a cause that benefits wildlife and people alike.

THE POSITIONS

Interpretive naturalists provide public programming, mainly in state parks, regarding the flora, fauna, and history of Kansas. Much of the programming takes place on weekends and evenings. Some presentations are done by outside experts, but are coordinated by the seasonal naturalists. Naturalists also lead nature walks and conduct other related programming, such as safety instruction. A key aspect of the naturalist's work is promotion of interpretive programming. Interpretive naturalists may also be required to assist park and wildlife personnel in nature trail development and other work. Communication skills, both written and verbal, are essential.