



Position Greencorps Chicago Crew Supervisor Camping Crews

Greencorps Chicago is a job training program of the City of Chicago Department of Transportation in partnership with WRD Environmental. Crew Supervisors are responsible for supervision and participant guidance on the following projects: tree care and removal, invasive species control, natural areas management, community gardens, school gardens, and other environmental projects. Local projects will be approximately 37.5 hours per week, typically five days per week, occasional Saturdays. Camping projects tend to straddle the weekend anywhere from 4-8 days in length.

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee the daily operation of a crew
- Supervise and participate with a crew in projects
- Work with staff to resolve personnel issues
- Load, maintain, and inventory assigned equipment
- Engage participants and provide additional training
- Properly plant and care for trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, and vegetables
- Apply herbicides as needed to control invasive species
- Assist in prescription burns under the direction of staff
- Construct hardscapes such as raised beds, benches, arbors, pergolas, and compost bins
- Maintain mature landscape projects through weeding, edging, and mulching
- Learn, teach, and apply safety practices
- Operate chainsaw, chipper, and other equipment during restoration work
- Operate all trucks/equipment and pull trailers in a safe and responsible manner
- Identify local plant species, especially invasives
- Transport crews to projects up to 8hrs away
- Manage camp & kitchen on camping projects - Practice & teach Leave No Trace ethics
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- At least 21 years of age
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
- Valid driver's license with clean driving record (insurable)
- Previous work experience in landscape horticulture, natural resources, park management, or ecological restoration
- Licensed Illinois Pesticide Applicator or ability to pass required examination within 1 month of start date
- First Aid/CPR/AED certification preferred (or ability to obtain upon hire)
- Pass random drug screenings
- Able to work flexible schedule, likely including nights and/or weekends for camping projects
- S130/190 or Chicago Wilderness Rx Burn Crew Member certification a plus
- Ability to hike 10-15 miles per day over rolling topography
- Previous experience leading groups on camping or backpacking trips
- Previous experience leading spike/dig/hitch projects for a conservation corps preferred
- Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification a plus

The ideal candidate would have the ability to do physical work on a daily basis and a willingness to work outdoors in all weather. The ideal candidate would have an interest in horticulture, landscape, and ecological restoration, a positive attitude and willingness to learn, lead, delegate, correct and motivate. The ideal candidate would also have strong leadership and communication skills, practice conflict resolution, and have an ability to work well with supervisors and crewmembers.