JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: September 4, 2015
Position: Park Aide
Pay: $10.28/hour

Job Description: This position will work within the Natural Resource Management program to control invasive plant species, assist in natural resource restoration projects, and aid in forest management. Primary duties will include: daily spraying of herbicide on invasive species and mapping using ArcMap. Other duties may include overseeing crews working in the San Simeon pine forest, report writing, data collection, wildlife monitoring, acting as a smoke monitor on prescribed fires, maintaining vehicles and equipment, growing native plants, and a variety of other minor tasks to assist with resource management projects as needed.

Daily outdoor physical work is required. A strong work ethic, strong self-motivation, and the ability to follow instructions and work independently are essential traits.

The employee will report to work at Morro Bay State Park, but will spend the majority of time working in the San Simeon area.

Required Skills: Proficiency in ArcMap. Job training will not be provided for mapping skills. Ideally, qualified candidates should know how to produce a map layout with data points and polygons collected in the field. Willingness to use herbicides regularly is required. Botanical/wildlife identification, proficient use of a chainsaw, and fire training are desired. Beneficial courses include GIS, Field Botany, Dendrology, Plant Taxonomy, Fire Ecology, and other Forestry, Ecology, and Taxonomy related field courses.

Other Relevant Information: Resource management requires a variety of methods so a successful candidate must feel comfortable with the following: regular use of herbicide to treat invasive weeds, acting as a smoke monitor on prescribed fires, maintaining vehicles and equipment, growing/planting native plants, operating a chainsaw, use of hand tools, aiding in symbolic fence building, and a variety of other physical tasks. Potential exists for this position to eventually work on the Natural Resource Inventory for Montana de Oro and Morro Bay State Parks if adequate field identification skills can be demonstrated.

Schedule: Part time work may be accommodated, but full time employment is available for a total of nine months per year.

Probation: This position will be subject to a three month probation period.

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