

AmeriCorps Environmental Education Position

Employer: The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

Description:

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism has an employment opportunity through Kansas AmeriCorps at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center, located at Cheyenne Bottoms.

The AmeriCorps member will be expected to help feed and maintain KWEC's animals, assist with nature programming preparation and presentations and other various duties as they arise. Members are expected to be responsible, punctual, interested in working with the public, and project a positive image while working in busy public areas, as well as speaking to groups. Experience working with and caring for animals is an advantage.

KWEC provides nature/environmental/science programming for ages preschool through adult, with an emphasis on educating the public about the importance of wetlands. The largest inland wetland in the U.S., Cheyenne Bottoms is designated as a Wetland of International Importance, attracting hunters, bird watchers, nature enthusiasts and tourists from throughout the U.S. and internationally.

The prospective AmeriCorps member must pass a background check, conducted by submitting a fingerprint test.

In exchange for service, AmeriCorps provides a living allowance, paid bi-weekly, and an education award that helps pay for college tuition or pay back student loans, paid at the end of the successful completion of a set amount of hours.

This AmeriCorps position's term of service is quarter-time— 450 hours over 30 weeks (15 hours per week), beginning in September and ending in March/April. The hours must be completed by the member's end date to qualify for the education award.

Some training is required, such as CPR, first aid, disaster response and service-learning activities. The training is provided through KDWPT and AmeriCorps.

To apply, fill out the KDWPT **employment application** on the website: ksoutdoors.com. Go to the bottom of the website page and click jobs. Complete the application and email to: pam.martin@ks.gov or mail to: The Kansas Wetlands Education Center, 592 NE K-156 Highway, Great Bend, KS 67530

For additional information, contact Pam Martin at pam.martin@ks.gov or 1-877-243-9268.