Paid Internships Available

Forest Stewards, an affiliated entity of WCU, is a non-profit corporation committed to promoting sustainable resource management throughout the southern Appalachians. We are currently working with over a dozen landowners who possess nearly 20,000 acres of land; and we offer a number of paid internships that include part-time positions during the school year, and full-time positions during the summer.

Starting pay rate: $7 to $9 per hour

Starting date: Often continuous, but spring openings begin in January 2009

Typical job duties:
- Assist in forest stand examinations
- Participate in water quality monitoring and sampling
- Assist in the implementation of management treatments including laying out timber sales, herbicide application, and other management practices
- Create maps and perform basic GIS analyses
- Assist graduate students and other project cooperators in research data collection
- Enter data into spreadsheets
- Assist in the preparation of forest stewardship plans
- Various other tasks related to resource conservation and management

Preferred qualifications:
- Strong interest and course work in Natural Resource Conservation & Management
- Strong work ethic, positive attitude, personal integrity, and the ability to get along with others
- Ability and desire to work outdoors in the mountains of western NC under a variety of environmental conditions
- Ability to work 10 hours per week during the academic year and 40 hours per week during the summer. Ideally, interns are free to work all day at least 1 day each week during the school year.
- Driver’s license – in many cases interns will provide their own transportation and will be reimbursed at state rates.

Application procedure:
- Write a brief cover letter outlining your career objectives and why you are interested in this type of position. Be sure to include your phone number, email, and other contact information.
- Copies of your transcripts for all college coursework (unofficial copies are OK)
- Submit these materials and a short resume to either Rob Lamb or Peter Bates (both have mailboxes in the GNR Department Office) by Friday, November 14, 2008.

Forest Stewards will hold an informational meeting for interested students on Friday, October 24 at 1:00 PM in ST355

For more information contact Rob Lamb (227-3388, 158 Stillwell) or Pete Bates (227-3914, 331 Stillwell)