

Position Description

Title: Field Crew Leader

Reports To: Field & Research Manager

Dept: Eastern Conservation

About Trout Unlimited

Today, Trout Unlimited is a national organization with more than 150,000 volunteers organized into about 400 chapters nationwide. This dedicated grassroots army is matched by a respected staff of organizers, lawyers, policy experts and scientists, who work out of more than 30 offices. Our mission is to conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Position Summary

Trout Unlimited (TU) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as its Field Crew Leader from May to October 2015 for the Eastern Abandoned Mine Program and Pennsylvania Eastern Brook Trout Habitat Initiative. This is a seasonal position from May 2015 – October 2015. The typical work week is 40 hours per week with overtime possible. The Eastern Abandoned Mine Program is focused on the conservation, protection, and restoration of coldwater fisheries and their watersheds that have been impacted by historic coal mining throughout the Appalachian region. A main focus of this program is the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Initiative, which is a comprehensive and collaborative effort aimed at the restoration of coldwater streams and the ultimate recovery of the West Branch Susquehanna River. The Pennsylvania Eastern Brook Trout Habitat Initiative was launched in early 2013 and is focused on reconnecting and restoring Eastern brook trout habitat in priority Pennsylvania watersheds. The Field Crew Leader position is based out of TU's field office in Lock Haven, PA, and will report directly to the Field and Research Manager for daily work tasks, but will coordinate and work on projects as a team member with all staff. Since this is a seasonal position, no benefits are attached in this role.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Collect field data through activities such as electrofishing, benthic macroinvertebrate surveys, water quality sampling, fish habitat surveys, and road culvert surveys.
- Provide daily supervision and assistance to a crew of two to four biological field interns with data collection, data compilation, and field equipment preparation and maintenance.
- Provide data entry and database management, as well as prepare maps and write reports.
- Identify and coordinate with landowners for property access to conduct field sampling.

- Assist with education and outreach efforts, with a particular emphasis on youth conservation education.
- Provide assistance to other program staff as needed.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in biology or related field.
- Experience with chemical and biological surveys such as water quality sampling, electrofishing, and benthic macroinvertebrate sampling.
- Willingness to travel (frequently overnight) and be capable of hiking and carrying equipment in difficult terrain and working in inclement conditions and remote locations.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office and GIS mapping programs.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and take initiative.
- Strong organizational and time management skills with exceptional attention to detail.
- A valid driver's license and vehicle.
- Passion for protecting and restoring trout populations and their watersheds.

Compensation

Compensation is \$14.00 per hour. Travel-related expenses will be reimbursable, such as mileage incurred when using a personal vehicle to and from project sites.

How to Apply

- Please send a letter of interest, resume, and three professional references to Dr. Shawn Rummel at srummel@tu.org no later than Friday, March 20, 2015. Include "Field Crew Leader" in the subject line. No phone calls please.

This is not an all-inclusive list of duties and responsibilities.

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