

2008 BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN

SENEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SENEY, MICHIGAN

Seney National Wildlife Refuge (Seney NWR) in Michigan's Upper Peninsula was established in 1935 by Executive Order for the protection and production of migratory birds and other wildlife. At nearly 96,000 acres, Seney NWR is one of the larger National Wildlife Refuges east of the Mississippi and is exceptionally diverse in both the number of ecosystem types present and the number of wildlife species using these habitats. Seney NWR also administers island refuges in Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Huron, as well as Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Management Area.

During the summer of 2008, Seney NWR will offer one (1) BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN position through the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). The duties assigned to the successful applicants would be wide-ranging and should prepare the biological technician for a future career in natural resources management and/or graduate school. Duties may include 1) assisting with wetland restoration through the application of the wetland-approved herbicide glyphosate on targeted invasive exotic plants, 2) monitoring the effectiveness of different treatment types associated with invasive exotic plants, 3) assisting with general biological assessments and inventories (e.g., Kirtland's Warbler census, frog and toad surveys, other breeding bird surveys, Common Tern monitoring, Brown-headed Cowbird management, forest stand inventories, ecosystem mapping) and 4) assisting with on-going Refuge research. Obtaining this position is contingent on the applicant passing the State of Michigan Pesticide Application exam. The Pesticide Application course and any other testing will be provided at the Refuge's expense.

Interested applicants should be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student, be physically fit, be able to work independently or in small groups, have excellent verbal and writing skills, have a valid driver's license, and have a background in biology, botany, forestry, zoology, ecology, or a related field. Preference will be given to those who have demonstrated competence in conducting field work. Pay will be at either the GS 4 or 5 level (see <http://www.opm.gov/oca/06tables/index.asp>), depending on the applicant's qualifications. A Refuge vehicle will be provided and affordable housing on the Refuge is available.

To apply, the following must be received by **5 PM ET, Monday, 25 February 2008**:

1. a 1-page cover letter describing personal background and interests;
2. a detailed resume describing education, experiences, and skills;
3. unofficial copies of all college transcripts;
4. two (2) Letters of Recommendation that must include the name, affiliation, address, telephone number, and email address of each person writing a letter;
5. proof of full-time college enrollment for fall 2008.

All information should be sent to:

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Forester
Seney National Wildlife Refuge
1674 Refuge Entrance Rd.
Seney, MI 49883

Incomplete (or late) applications may not receive full consideration. For additional information, contact Greg Corace at (906) 586-9851x 14 or Greg_Corace@fws.gov