Volunteer Program

Maintenance Description:

Responsibilities:

- Assist maintenance staff with day-to-day maintenance and/or special projects or tasks.
- Work in a safe manner to insure the safety of yourself, fellow workers & the general public.

Examples of Work Projects:

Minor plumbing repairs, washing & waxing vehicles, minor vehicle and equipment maintenance, interior and exterior painting, cleaning buildings and restrooms, mowing grass, tree trimming, trail maintenance, minor electrical repairs, clearing brush, roofing repairs, operation of weed whips, minor carpentry projects, digging, weed control, minor concrete projects, welding projects, sign installation, janitorial duties, litter pickup, collect and empty trash and recyclables, operate hand and power tools, facility construction, and other tasks as assigned.

Equipment Operation:

Operation of mowers, weed whips, power tools, etc. requires initial training by a refuge staff person.

Note: To operate equipment such as utility vehicles, agricultural tractors, backhoes, skid steer loaders, forklifts, crawlers, graders, chain saws, pole saws, etc., volunteers must be certified by The Fish and Wildlife Service with completion of hands-on training. Classes are scheduled on an as-needed-basis.

Degree of difficulty: Can be physically demanding -- Heavy lifting, stooping, bending, kneeling, standing, and ladder use is required; often working outdoors in remote areas with potential for extreme heat, snakes and insects (i.e. ticks).

Interested

We are flexible to work with your schedule. Please call us at 989-759-1669 and leave a message for the Volunteer Coordinator or email us at Shiawassee@fws.gov Subject Line: Volunteer—Animal Care.

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