



Job Title: Watershed Steward – Seasonal Intern

Post Date: March 10, 2008

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed (Friends) is a dynamic, Augusta-based non-profit lakes environmental organization with a mission to “Protect and Improve the 28 Lakes & Streams of the Cobbossee Watershed”. Since incorporating in 2001, the Friends have received local, state and national recognition for their innovative approach to education, outreach, and constituency building. Membership, 71 in 2003, has exploded to over 5,500 today.

During the summer, the Friends operate the “OTTER II”, their 22’ pontoon boat that hosts children education programs during the week, while selling ice cream on the lakes and appearing at community events during weekends.

For 2008, the Friends are looking to continue their long-term relationship with the AmeriCorps program by providing a tremendous opportunity to an individual who will be exposed to all areas of their organization including:

- **Summer Education Programs.** Assist Education Director with children programs like “Tadpole Patrol” and “Slow-the-Flow PlayDays” – over 600 kids this summer alone!
- **Water Quality Efforts.** Assist with programs designed to combat the two major threats facing the Cobbossee Watershed: Non-Point Source pollution (“LakeSmart-Start!” recommendations and “Slow-the-Flow” projects completed by their Youth Conservation Corps) and Invasive Aquatic Plants (Courtesy Boat Inspections and Plant Control projects associated with their “MilFoiler” program).
- **Community Outreach.** Act as the “mate” aboard the OTTER II during weekends on the lakes and at community events. Assist with additional public appearances including parades, fairs, trade shows, workshops, area lake association events and annual meetings. Assist Executive Director and staff for special events including July 4 5K road race (over 500 entries!) and annual cocktail fundraiser.
- **Publicity.** Assist Membership Director with member communications including media releases, radio interviews, photography, e-newsletter (“The Splash”), email updates, quarterly newsletter (“On the Water”), direct mailings and web site updates.
- **Operations.** Utilize and maintain the organization’s member database to enhance productively and target existing and new members for relevant programs, events and development efforts. Process membership inquiries, gifts and acknowledgements.

The successful candidate will enjoy working in a fast, fun and challenging environment – you will be provided with a tremendous opportunity to have a lasting impact on a fast-rising organization, while also furthering your skills and building upon your resume. **Plus** – they do have a lot of fun stuff going on!

This AmeriCorps position is provided through the Training Resource Center of Portland, the largest recipient of AmeriCorps funding in Maine. The position is seasonal full-time, with the successful candidate working 900 hours over a May/June – September/October timeframe. Their schedule is flexible to meet the needs of the right candidate.

The typical workweek will be Wednesday through Sunday. Housing assistance may be an option to the right individual.

Compensation for this seasonal AmeriCorps position includes a stipend of \$5,550, an education award of \$2,362, health insurance, mileage reimbursement, child care reimbursement if eligible, training and substantial networking opportunities. Qualifications desired include progress towards a 4-year degree or equivalent experience; initiative; good communication, writing and public speaking skills; commitment to environmental issues and community service.

E-mail cover letter and resume to Joely Ross: joely.ross@trcme.com & Bob Moore: mail@watershedfriends.com
FMI on the Friends, contact Bob Moore, Executive Director at (207) 621-4100 or visit www.watershedfriends.com.
For more information on compensation and benefits, contact Joely Ross, Community Resource Corps AmeriCorps Program Manager at (207) 775-5891 x 448.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.