

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Title:** Crew Member, Forest Preserve Experience Program

Reports to: Crew Leader

Open until filled | Start Date: July 1, 2024

Salary: \$15 per hour

25 hours per week (part time) July 1 thru August 2

July 4-5 off, unpaid

8:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday



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### **Organization:**

Mission: We unite people to protect, promote, and care for the forest preserves in Cook County.

Our community advocates for the responsible management of the nearly 70,000 acres of forest preserves in Cook County through advocacy, engagement, and stewardship of the land. Some of the best natural areas in Illinois are right here in Cook County, right outside your urban backdoor. Join our team and help us ensure they are here for the next 100 years.

Friends is an organization that gets things done with our members, volunteers, staff, board, and partners. We believe in work-life balance and are here for the marathon, not the sprint (not that we don't sprint on a regular basis).

**Operating Budget:** \$3,200,000

**Summary:** Friends of the Forest Preserves seeks Crew Members of our Forest Preserve Experience (FPE) team. FPE is a five-week conservation service-learning experience. Selected individuals will participate on crews that will consist of 12 high school students, two adult Crew Leaders, and an adult Assistant Crew Leader.

As a team, the crew will perform ecological restoration projects and litter removal in the Forest Preserves of Cook County. A large focus of this program will also be dedicated to environmental enrichment, career readiness, and recreational activities.

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**Responsibilities:**

- Assist your crew in natural habitat restoration and litter pick up in forest preserves in Cook County
- Arrive on time to your selected meet up location
- Properly use hand tools like loppers and bow saws
- Participate in all professional development and education activities
- Follow all program rules and regulations
- Positively represent Friends of the Forest Preserves at work site and while participating in recreational activities

**Required Qualifications:**

- Must be a Housing Authority of Cook County resident or voucher holder
- 14 - 19 years old at the start of the program and enrolled in high school or a 2024 high school graduate (14 and 15 year olds need a workers permit)
- Ability to meet at forest preserve locations in south suburbs of Cook County
- Must be able to attend the entire length of program
- Able to attend a program orientation and interview
- Complete all hiring paperwork

**Dates of Service:**

Program Dates: July 1 thru August 2, 2024 (5 days a week for 5 weeks)

July 4 and 5 off, unpaid

8:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday thru Friday

**Salary:**

\$15 per hour; 25 hours/week (part-time)

**For more information and to apply:** Visit <https://fotfp.org/fpe> for more information and to apply online by clicking "2024 Crew Member Program Application" form. The application will close on April 30th.

*Women, Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), and seniors are strongly encouraged to apply. Friends of the Forest Preserves is an equal opportunity employer that considers applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, or sexual orientation (in addition to observing all legal protection of special status). Friends is an equal opportunity employer promoting diversity in the environmental community.*

