

Seasonal Piping Plover Monitor
Organization: St. Louis River Alliance
Application Deadline: 4/10/23

Category: Seasonal/Temporary
Wages: \$15/hr

Start date: Training begins April 24th, with monitoring season to start May 1, 2023 or when ice is out.

Description: Positions available include 4-5 seasonal Piping Plover Monitors for 20-30 hours a week, from May 1st - June 15th, 2021. In the event that nesting behavior is observed, positions will be extended until August 31st. The employment extension will be determined by May 31st. Primary job responsibilities include monitoring selected sections of beach on Minnesota and Wisconsin Points during morning (6:00-9:00 am) and evening bird activity times (6:00-9:00 pm). If nesting occurs, monitoring will be extended to include shifts covering all daylight hours.

Additional opportunities for summer and fall field work available. Inquire during the interview.

Responsibilities of Plover Monitors:

- Monitor sections of beach on Minnesota and Wisconsin Point for Piping Plover bird activity.
- Walk 2-3 miles of beaches daily to accurately record beach conditions and bird activity.
- Use optics to spot birds on the beach including binoculars and spotting scope.
- Camera skills encouraged for recording habitat changes and shorebird sightings.
- Complete data sheets for each location recording presence/absence data, habitat information, beach disturbance data, weather patterns, and report any illegal activities on the beach.
- Enter data and photographs for accurate record keeping.
- Maintain predator exclosures or fenced off nesting areas, hang signs, take photos of beach conditions or disturbances.

Qualifications: Applicants with the following qualifications will be given preference, but all are encouraged to apply:

- In possession of or currently seeking a B.S. in biology, wildlife ecology, or a related field.
- Experience with bird identification and the ability to use a spotting scope.
- Experience collecting habitat data and completing legible data sheets.
- Ability to walk off path on sandy surfaces for extended periods of time while carrying a pack of equipment.
- Ability to lift and carry 30 pounds.
- Ability to use email, online calendars, and smartphone apps for scheduling and time tracking.
- Possess driver's license and willingness to use a personal vehicle.
- Demonstrated ability of on-time, consistent attendance, communicating well regarding lapses.
- Tolerance for conducting field work under adverse conditions including: early mornings, late evenings, cold weather, rain, heat, sun exposure, insects, wildlife hazards, and work in mildly remote locations.

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