

Great Lakes Conservation Corps (GLCC) Crew Leader Position

For projects located on the Ottawa National Forest in summer of 2020.

Crew will be based in Ironwood, MI.

The GLCC is a program that is administered by the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP), which is located in Marquette, MI. The GLCC crew leader will be responsible for leading and supervising a conservation crew of three 18-25 year olds. Duties include: crew management and safety, delegating tasks to ensure project deliverables are completed well, submitting weekly data sheets and photos to supervisors, regular communication with SWP staff and project managers, and the organization, maintenance and procurement of tools and supplies.

The GLCC "Ottawa crew" will be working on projects that are primarily located on the Ottawa National Forest (ONF). Your crew will consist of a team of four (three crewmembers of 18-25 year olds, and yourself). You will gain experience in a wide range of conservation and natural resource management projects, and you will be working with ONF project managers who specialize in botany, soils, recreation, forestry and wildlife. Examples of project work include:

- Creating wildlife openings with chainsaws and brushsaws
- Using chainsaws and brush saws to release long-lived conifer species in riparian areas
- Performing trail improvements, boardwalk and stair construction
- Planting trees and pollinator plants
- Weeding and protecting pollinator gardens and sensitive plant areas
- Removing areas of invasive plant infestations

This position requires a willingness to perform manual labor in the outdoors in all types of weather, sometimes in areas that may be thick with mosquitoes and flies. It will be hard work, but very satisfying! Depending on the location of the job site, camping for up to one week periods may be required. For camping assignments, food and equipment such as stoves, kitchen supplies, and tents will be provided. You will have to provide your own sleeping bag and pad. Your crew will be provided with a work truck and all necessary safety equipment and tools to perform the various tasks, and you will be required to wear a GLCC uniform. You will receive first aid training as well as crew leader training with other GLCC members which will occur on several days at the beginning of the work season (mid to late May) in Marquette, MI. The work schedule will be Monday through Friday.

Required Skills:

- Supervisory experience
- Chainsaw experience (you must be comfortable running a saw for hours at a time).
 - Forest Service saw training will be provided.
- Able to perform physical labor in the outdoors in all types of weather.
- Proficient in oral and written communication
- Comfortable camping in a tent for multi-day assignments.

Preferred skills:

- Experience with maintaining and sharpening chainsaws.
- Tree and plant ID
- GPS use

If you would like to apply, or have questions, go to the GLCC link at superiorwatersheds.org