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## Land Stewardship Intern Position Description

### Organization

Blandford Nature Center is a community-based 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization working to invigorate relationships with nature that lead individuals to transform their community and create a healthy, sustainable world. Our mission is to educate, engage, and empower our community to become stewards of the natural world that sustains us.

### Internship Summary

Assist with various land stewardship operations and projects, including general grounds and maintenance support.

### Supervisor

Julie Batty, Land Stewardship Manager

### Duties & Responsibilities

#### *Field Work*

- Work collaboratively with the Land Manager and Volunteer & Outreach Manager to develop a citizen science program
  - [EX]: Butterfly Monitoring Network, FrogWatch USA, Monarch Tagging, Box Turtle Surveys, Bluebird Monitoring, etc.
- Assist in various projects aligning with Blandford's Land Management Plan
  - Removal of invasive species through herbicide treatment, manual removal or prescribed burns
  - Updating Blandford Nature Center's map system
  - Revise and maintain land management strategies and tools through ArcGIS, GPS & other technology to effectively carry out the Land Management Plan

#### *Stewardship Systems & Programs*

- Maintain Blandford's Land Stewardship Blog
- Prepare for and lead some Eco-Stewardship Work Days or Volunteer groups.
- Assist with other stewardship duties as assigned

#### *All Programs*

- Maintain high standards of safety and well-being of program participants
- Assist in the maintenance and storage of land stewardship equipment & supplies

### Required Qualifications

- At least two (2) years of college-level course. Primary study areas could include environmental sciences, natural sciences, biology, natural resource management, parks & recreation management or related field



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- Positive and energetic role model in attitude and behavior
- Excellent reliability and ability to work independently
- Ability to work effectively in the outdoors, in all types of weather and over uneven terrain
- Ability to work effectively with all Blandford Nature Center staff and volunteers
- Excellent communication skills and interpersonal skills
- Excellent computer skills required, including Microsoft Office and Google Suite
- Criminal history background check will be required

### *Preferred Qualifications:*

- Experience with GIS or GPS technology
- Experience with invasive species removal

### *The attitudes and personal characteristics demonstrated in this position are:*

- Self-motivated, problem solver with the ability to work both independently and as part of a team in a fast-paced and sometimes chaotic nonprofit environment
- Make decisions requiring good judgment in the absence of specific directions
- Detailed-oriented, meticulous, and organized
- Technology savvy and able to learn new computer programs
- Projecting a positive and professional image within and outside the organization

### **Compensation**

This internship is unpaid. Education credit available.

### **Time Commitment**

20-30 hours per week for 1 semester. The work schedule is mostly weekdays between 8:45am-3:00pm, with some Saturday availability. Start date and end date are flexible.

### **To Apply**

Please send a resume, cover letter & [volunteer application](#) to:

Blandford Nature Center  
Attn: Katelyn Nettler, Volunteer & Outreach Manager  
1715 Hillburn Ave NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

-or-

Katelyn Nettler  
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