

Position Title: **Conservation Technician/Environmental Educator  
Summer Position**

Number of Positions: 1

Salary: \$12 hour  
Housing Provided if Needed

Location: Day County Conservation District, Webster, South Dakota

Dates of employment: May 6 – August 16, 2019 (maximum 15 weeks)

Qualifications:

Applicant must be pursuing a degree in one of the following fields; outdoor education, environmental science, wildlife and fisheries science/management.

Much of the employee's duties are located outside on farm/ranch sites, and on or along lake and streams. The job involves walking over rough terrain, wading in lakes and streams, riding in boats, kayaking, lifting, hauling, and stretching. Work may involve exposure to livestock, heavy farm and construction machinery. Working with youth and adults teaching environmental education and outdoor activities.

Employee must be 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license and complete a background check. Employee will also be required to participate in NeSoDak staff training including camp policies, safety, and youth protection training.

Duties:

The Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project is a multi-year project designed to restore and protect the water quality of lakes located in Day, Grant, Marshall, and Roberts's counties of northeast South Dakota. The Conservation Technician will be employed by the Day County Conservation District Board of Supervisors and will be under the direct supervision of the Project Coordinator who will be responsible for establishing general work priorities and instructions to the employee on work assignments.

Duties will include:

Assist in collecting monthly water quality samples and field data from project lakes and streams; invertebrate collection from area streams and lakes; study resource conditions including range,

riparian areas, and cropland; collect and map watershed land use and economic data to evaluate the impact of applied conservation measures and/or the necessity of further conservation measures.

Lead environmental education classes and outdoor activities including water quality testing, aquatic ecology, bird and mammal study, fishing, archery, orienteering, kayaking, paddle boarding and canoeing at the NeSoDak Environmental Learning Center and Bible Camp during spring environmental education overnight and day camps, and daily activities during week long summer and specialty camps, and the Lake and Stream Ecology and Water Quality Workshop. Other events may include SD Game, Fish, and Parks Step Outside Programs.

Completion of the Projects Lake and Stream Ecology Workshop can earn employee a graduate or undergraduate credit hour.

Housing will be provided if needed at NeSoDak Bible Camp located on Enemy Swim Lake.

How to apply: Send cover letter with resume including three personal references with phone or e-mail address.

Note any special skills or training that may be applicable to this position on your resume; lifeguard training, boating safety certification, range certification, project wet etc.

Closing date: March 1, 2019

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