



Job Announcement

Invasive Species Outreach Specialist – Seasonal Position

(December 2020 – March 2021)

Introduction

The Homer Soil & Water Conservation District is an outreach and technical assistance organization whose mission is to serve its cooperators, private landowners, and all citizens of the district by promoting wise development and conservation of natural resources. The seasonal Invasive Species Outreach Specialist will assist the Invasive Species Program Manager with education and outreach priorities, as determined by the Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area (KP-CWMA). The KP-CWMA is a partnership of federal, state, Tribal and non-profit entities focused on strategic management of invasive plants at a regional scale. The partnership strives to educate broad audiences and diverse stakeholders on the most current invasive species issues, including early detection and rapid response of the most harmful invasive plants that threaten the Kenai Peninsula's fish and wildlife habitat. This position will focus on getting K-12 Invasive Plant Curriculum into classrooms on the Kenai Peninsula, assist with signage projects, and contribute to newsletter/blog updates for the kenaiweeds.org website. There is potential for this position to also contribute to the KP-CWMA annual training workshop.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Develop virtual curriculum for Kenai Peninsula Borough School Districts, utilizing existing K-12 invasive weeds curriculum for the spring 2021 school year.
2. Collaborate with partners to produce and install invasive species prevention & interpretive signs at airports and trailheads on the Kenai Peninsula.
3. Assist KP-CWMA Coordinator with generating content for kenaiweeds.org website and strengthen relationship between federal partners in sharing social media content.

Job Requirements

1. Educational background in environmental science education & outreach.
2. Minimum 3 years professional experience in natural resources interpretation & education.
3. Excellent communication skills, both oral and written.
4. Excellent organizational skills; must establish an online curriculum program accessible to others.
5. Self-starter! Must be able to work independently and establish professional relationships with teachers, contractors, and federal/state partners on behalf of the KP-CWMA and Homer SWCD.
6. Familiar with Soil & Water Conservation District operations; Preferred experience working with federal and state agencies/partners, capable of building and maintaining collaborative relationships.
6. Applicants must have access to their own computer and work space with internet.
7. Applicants must be able to pass a federal background check.

Wages and Benefits

This position will be 15-20 hours/week for approximately 9 weeks between December 2020 – March 2021.
Rate of pay DOE.

Apply by November 25th, 2020

To apply , email cover letter, resume, and 3 references to katherine@homerswcd.org