

Blackacre Foundation Naturalist
Summer 2006
Blackacre State Nature Preserve
Louisville, Kentucky

About Blackacre: Blackacre State Nature Preserve consists of 170 acres of state-owned land and 100 acres of Blackacre Foundation-owned land. Together, these 270 contiguous acres form a rural landscape of hardwood forests, native grasslands, glades, streams, and habitat for all kinds of wildlife.

The Blackacre Foundation is the managing agency for the Preserve and is responsible for land management, conservation, preservation and maintenance of the historic buildings on the property, environmental education for independent schools and all non-Jefferson County Public Schools, educational programs for the general public, and fundraising to support these efforts.

Blackacre State Nature Preserve offers much for the public to enjoy, including several hiking trails, a nature center, a visitors' center, and the opportunity to tour historic buildings dating from the 1790s to the 1840s. The Preserve is open to the public Sundays from 1-5 pm April to June and September to November.

Position Description: The naturalist will work primarily in the field doing invasive species management, trail maintenance, farm fence removal, repair of trail signs, and any other Preserve maintenance required. The naturalist will lead weekly and monthly volunteer days in these efforts. This work will require moderate to heavy labor and working with herbicides and motorized tools.

The naturalist will also lead occasional groups visiting the Preserve in land management activities and environmental education.

Internship Duration: Any ten weeks from May to August; flexible starting date. Twenty hours a week on average. Work hours are flexible with the possibility for weekend work.

Compensation: \$10.00/hour for 200 hours.

Qualifications: Blackacre's naturalist position is open to all graduate students of biology, botany, forestry, environmental sciences, and other related disciplines. Applicants should have some experience doing invasive plant management and working with volunteers. Applicants should be self-motivated and hardworking with a desire to advance their knowledge through practical hands-on work experience and a willingness to work with the public.

Application procedures: Send resume and cover letter electronically to Carolyn Cromer at carolyn.cromer@blackacrefoundation.org. Call Carolyn at 502-266-9802 with questions.

Application deadline: May 5, 2006