

NATURAL AREAS INTERNSHIP

Bernheim is the Official Arboretum of Kentucky and one of the largest protected natural areas in the state. The Arboretum contains a diverse collection of woody plants displayed in a landscape setting on some 250 acres. Bernheim's 14,000-acre natural area is Kentucky's largest privately-owned land managed for the preservation of native species, natural communities, and ecosystems.

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

Interns will work in the natural areas and arboretum. Responsibilities include assisting Bernheim staff and volunteers with natural areas restoration and management. Duties include, but are not limited to, assisting in invasive exotic species removal projects; preparation, maintenance, and monitoring of restoration projects; threatened and endangered species management; mowing; string trimming; collecting native plant seeds; and assisting in nursery work. Field trips, workshops, and seminars are offered. Interns are encouraged to complete a project during their internship, one of benefit to Bernheim and related to the intern's area of interest. Projects will depend on program needs and season.

There are two positions available. This is a twelve weeks, full time position. The Natural Areas Intern will report directly to the Land Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bernheim's Natural Areas Intern Program is open to all students who study forestry, conservation biology, botany, biology, ecology or related disciplines and who are willing to advance their knowledge through practical hands-on work experience. Bernheim seeks reliable and hard-working candidates.

Familiarity with operation and use of vehicles with standard transmissions, herbicide spray tanks, chippers, chainsaws, string trimmers, leaf blowers, and hand tools is helpful. Interest in restoration ecology and willingness and ability to work in a remote, outdoor setting is required. Position involves use of herbicides, performing physically demanding work in various weather conditions and working around poison ivy, stinging insects, snakes, mud and brush. Interns must be in good physical condition and able to lift 40 pounds. Valid driver's license is required, as intern may drive a Bernheim vehicle.

COMPENSATION:

\$7.00 per hour; plus housing. The working hours are typically 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., five days per week. Workdays may include Saturday and/or Sunday, and the working hours are subject to change in response to project needs. This internship includes working some long days and outdoors, in inclement weather or in remote natural areas.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Email your resume and letter of application to dgarvue@bernheim.org or mail to the attention of Dena Rae Garvue, Natural Areas Intern Search, Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest, P.O. Box 130, State Highway 245, Clermont, KY 40110.