

Vacancy Details

Shadow Ranger Voluntary Placement (Top Lodge)

Country	England
Location	Top Lodge, Corby
Position Type	1-3 days per week for 6 months
Salary	Voluntary
Closing date for applications	16 th October 2016

Background Information

The Forestry Commission are providing placements for individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in the outdoor or environmental sector. This Shadow Ranger placement would suit those wanting to gain experience in delivering and supporting educational activity sessions to groups of all ages and abilities, working with the public, volunteers and being involved in practical site management.

Successful applicants will be given training and development opportunities by work shadowing the Ranger staff at Top Lodge. They will develop on the job skills; including development of learning/teaching techniques, leading and working with groups and planning and running events, practical site management and working/leading volunteers.

Unfortunately at the present time we **cannot** offer travel expenses however we do provide extensive experience and some formal training opportunities.

Purpose of the Apprenticeship

Working as part of the team to deliver key Forestry Commission messages through the Learning programme and volunteer projects. To gain experience of delivering activities to a wide range of audiences, engaging with people of all ages and abilities and inspiring them to enjoy and appreciate the forest and their outdoor environment. Support delivery of activities and events to people from a variety of social backgrounds. Experience the range of tasks, activities and procedures that rangers undertake within their role.

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Person Specification

Experience

Essential

Interest in or experience of environmental or outdoor education, working with volunteers, practical site management, delivering sessions to a variety of groups; through previous employment, voluntary work or study.

Seeking a career in the environmental sector; forest schools, youth work, environmental or outdoor education or countryside ranger.

Work with Other People

Essential

Be approachable, open, polite and helpful to others.

Respect diverse backgrounds, views and approaches.

Desirable

Experience of working with people from a wide range of social backgrounds.

Willingness and enthusiasm to lead groups and activities.

Communication

Essential

Ability to listen and communicate with people from a variety of age groups, abilities, behaviours and backgrounds.

Willingness to work as part of a team as well as the ability to work on your own.

Ability to deal with difficult situations with tact, diplomacy and in a constructive manner.

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Deliver Results

Essential

Motivated and capable of working under own initiative.

Prioritise and organise your time and resources effectively to meet agreed deadlines and objectives.

Desirable

Understand and apply current legislation, rules and procedures relevant to the job (e.g. Health & Safety, Risk assessment).

Learn and Apply

Essential

Be open to change and show a willingness to undertake appropriate training to develop new skills and confidence.

Take responsibility for own work, learning from experience, mistakes and constructive feedback

Other

Able and willing to work 1-3 days per week, predominantly weekdays although may occasionally include evenings, overnight sleep-outs and weekend working.

This post may require you to hold and continue to hold, a full current driving licence. Duties will require you to be fit and able to negotiate rough terrain. However, the Forestry Commission is willing to consider any proposal put forward by applicants that would allow them to do the job by other means.

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How to apply

To apply for a Shadow Ranger placement please **download the application form from the website**, explaining how your interests and experiences meet all of the areas outlined in the Person Specification. Please use **examples** where appropriate, without detail we cannot see how you meet the job specification.

Specify you are applying for ***Shadow Ranger-Top Lodge***.

Address applications to Louise Fleetwood, c/o Forestry Commission, Sherwood Pines, Kings Clipstone, Mansfield. NG21 9JL or email them to louise.fleetwood@forestry.gov.uk

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