Friends of the Parks
Earth Team Instructor

Friends of the Parks (FOTP) is a 42-year-old environmental organization whose mission is to preserve, protect, improve and promote the use of parks and open space in the Chicago Area. The Earth Team instructor will lead FOTP’s 2018 Earth Team summer program, an After School Matters (ASM) apprenticeship program that leads 15-18 teens in stewardship and project development work for 6-weeks at the 25-acre Dunning Read Conservation Area on the city’s northwest side. The Earth Team Instructor will work under the Director of Environmental Education & Neighborhood Parks.

Responsibilities
- Develop and deliver curriculum that combines interactive activities and lessons to 15-18 Earth Team apprentices (ages 14-18) on the topics of environmental science, environmental studies, environmental justice, social justice, stewardship, social-emotional development, and student-driven project development and implementation
- Lead Earth Team apprentices in stewardship activities to remove invasive species and maintain trail paths
- Assist and guide teens to design and implement a student-driven arts project
- Create, foster and sustain a physically and emotionally safe work environment
- Set up field trips and guest speakers to enhance teens' experiences
- Regularly work with and report to the Director of Environmental Education & Neighborhood Parks, and submit weekly and end-of-term reports to ASM

Qualifications
- Previous teaching experience, preferably with teens (ages 14-18) of diverse backgrounds
- Bachelor’s Degree (completed or in progress) in Environmental Science/Studies, Biology, Education, or related field
- Knowledge of native and invasive Illinois flora and fauna
- Experience and ability to work in an almost exclusively outdoor field setting
- Knowledge of and ability to use equipment such as loppers, saws, and brushcutters
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Availability to lead youth program from June 25-August 2 from 8:30am-1:30pm.
- Must pass After School Matters background check by identified deadline
- Access to computer, internet and email
- First-aid certification preferred

Compensation:
- Hourly rate between $18-$25 an hour, depending on qualifications, for 92 hours of instruction and 30 hours of prep
To Apply:
Please E-mail your resume and cover letter to Nicole Machuca, Director of Environmental Education and Neighborhood Parks at machucan@fotp.org

*The application period will close once the position is filled. Apply today.*