Title: Bat Survey Technicians

Agency: Sanders Environmental, Inc.

Location: Eastern US

Job Description: Sanders Environmental is an environmental consulting firm based out of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, and is seeking field assistants for mist netting, telemetry, and acoustic monitoring of bats from May 15th to August 15, 2020 (start and end dates are approximate and flexible). Job sites are located primarily in PA, WV, MD, OH, and NY, but may extend into the southern or Midwestern states.

Daily tasks may include transporting, installing, and removing mist nets, removing bats from nets, deployment and collection of acoustic monitors, and assistance in radio telemetry surveys. Since the summer netting season is short, we generally work 7 nights/week (weather permitting). Work hours vary, however are typically between 6PM and 3AM but could be extended as required. Daytime work (generally finding roost trees) may also be required.

Accommodations are provided and vary by project. This may include hotel rooms, cabins, or camping. Daily transportation to the work site will be provided, however it is the responsibility of each employee to travel to project areas. Given the nature of this job, flexibility and dedication are crucial - the number of hours worked, time off, and travel between job sites can be unpredictable.

Qualifications: On-the-job training is provided, so no experience is necessary. The seasonal time-frame on which we operate is very compatible with a college schedule. Underclass college students in the fields of wildlife management, environmental science, biology, zoology etc. are encouraged to apply. Opportunities for advancement exist for employees who return for multiple summer seasons.

Applicants should be able to take accurate notes, communicate clearly, and operate both independently and as part of a team. Data management and organization skills as well as rudimentary computer skills are necessary. Applicants should be in decent physical shape - able to carry 40+ lbs. across uneven terrain for long distances. We work in remote field locations, often lodging together for weeks on end. The ability to play well with others, a sense of humor, a strong work ethic, and a love of field work is essential for success in this job.

A reliable personal vehicle & valid US driver's license are required. It is very important that your vehicle be in decent condition as we work in remote locations and a breakdown could be very inconvenient. Applicants should have all the necessary gear to camp in remote locations and be comfortable living outdoors. Rabies pre-exposure vaccination is required. This cost approximately $800 which will be reimbursed after the first pay period. If already vaccinated, a rabies titer must be provided. Drug screening will be required.

We are also seeking permitted bat biologists at this time. A separate job posting is available if you are an experienced bat identifier.

Salary: $150/ per full work night; $50/ partial night

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