

Position title: Blanding's Turtle Field Technician

Location: Clear Lake Wildlife Unit Headquarters, Ventura, IA

Begin Date: May 15, 2023 (flexible)

End Date: September 15, 2023 (flexible)

Hours: 20-40 hours per week (*779 maximum total hours*)

Wage: \$14.25/hr

Duties:

- Conduct Blanding's turtle research for the IA DNR Wildlife Diversity Program
 - Trap Blanding's turtles for radio telemetry and survey for turtle nests and eggs
 - Radio track juvenile and adult Blanding's turtles to assess movement and habitat use
 - GIS work including calculating Blanding's turtle home ranges and resource selection
 - Data entry, review, compilation, and reporting
- Assist IA DNR Clear Lake Wildlife Management Unit with:
 - Establishing diverse prairie seedings
 - Implementing water level management goals on various wetland complexes and shallow lake systems
 - General maintenance involving, sign posting, fence building, fence removal, tree/brush control, etc
 - Resolving nuisance wildlife complaints
- Potential to assist with additional wildlife research projects as needed
- Field work may require some travel and overnight stays within Iowa. Travel expenses incurred outside of local assigned work area are reimbursable.

Deadline for Application: February 15, 2023

To apply: To receive full consideration, you must send cover letter, resume, and contact information (name, title, phone, address, and email) of three professional references to: TJ Herrick at tj.herrick@dnr.iowa.gov

Qualifications for this position:

- Graduated from or currently enrolled in or on break between semesters of college with a degree in (or pursuing a degree in) wildlife ecology, biology, or Natural Resource Field. Preferred qualifications include a BS degree in wildlife ecology, biology or a related field
- Able to withstand physically demanding work, including lifting, bending, or hauling
- Work with minimal supervision
- Demonstrate responsible behavior and attention to detail
- Must have a valid motor vehicle operator's license
- Able to work alone or as part of a team, with the public, in variable outdoor conditions, on weekends and evenings as required
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age
- Must be available for all interviews and training as required
- Works and communicates with internal and external clients and customers to meet their needs in a polite, courteous and cooperative manner

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