



Forest ReLeaf of Missouri 2022 Summer Canopy Crew Lead

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri is seeking an energetic individual to lead our Canopy Crew of 5 young adults. This summer position will work in the field 5 days/week, 5.5 hours/day for 6 weeks with the youth and then fulfill the rest of their hours in our Forest ReLeaf office located in South City. The Canopy Crew's work will be focused in the Normandy School District footprint, but visits to the Forest ReLeaf nursery located in Creve Coeur Park, as well as field trips to other area businesses related to the green industry will be taken. **The lead will be in charge of driving the entire crew from a designated location in the Normandy School District to field sites each day.**

Full-time, 40 hours/week

Dates: June 6 - August 5

Hourly pay rate: \$16.50/hour

The main role of the Canopy Crew Lead is to oversee the youth and ensure they have a successful summer program. The youth's main role will be to grow their understanding of the value and benefit of trees and share that knowledge with others. This work is vital to a forestry program called Treesilience. Treesilience is an equitable and proactive approach to urban forestry. It looks at the overall tree canopy in an area and provides free or reduced tree removal services, pruning services, tree health monitoring and tree planting within the Normandy School District footprint. Community outreach and education are necessary to reach its goals. The 2022 Canopy Crew Lead will:

- Create a productive, safe, educational, and fun experience for the participating Canopy Crew members;
- Be walking neighborhoods with the youth to collect tree health data using a USDA Forest Service app on tablet computers (provided);
- Be trained to use the tree health monitoring app, and then in turn, will train the youth;
- Help the youth to canvass successfully about the Treesilience program, by providing guidance on their pitch and directing them to get answers when questions arise;
- Help to ensure a safe environment for the youth through a buddy system;
- Help to ensure the integrity of the data collection process;
- Be in charge of transferring collected data into additional databases;
- Work hands-on with trees alongside the youth;
- Learn tree biology, tree identification, and tree care from professionals in the field;
- Chaperone field trips that the youth participate in to learn about potential career paths within the green industry and related fields;
- Have the possibility of overseeing our Fall Tree Stewardship program that will offer further in-depth training on handling trees including tree plantings and time with Davey Tree Co professionals for tree removals.

Successful candidates:

- Must be comfortable leading and working with up to 5 young adults, ages 16-24
- Must have a valid driver's license, clean driving record and confident driving a van
- Must be able to work outdoors in a variety of conditions, including inclement weather
- Will be comfortable canvassing
- Must be organized and punctual
- Will have ethical and responsible conduct on and off the job site

To apply, send resume and cover letter to Rebecca Hankins, Partnership Manager
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