



Seasonal Blue Team: Watering & Tree Maintenance Crew

Reports to: Urban Forest Coordinator

Hours: Part-time (20 hours per week), evenings and weekends as required

Pay: \$11 per hour

Position Description:

The Blue Team Crew members is part of Friends of Grand Rapids Parks seasonal team (June-October) that will assist with the watering and basic maintenance of trees planted by our organization. This position will work in a team of two, operating a watering truck and the necessary equipment to water individual trees and complete basic tree maintenance on a weekly basis.

Position Responsibilities:

Position responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the items listed below. Position holder acknowledges and accepts that, while he/she is responsible for the items below, he/she may be, on occasion, asked to perform duties—within reason—outside of those listed below in order to help the organization complete a program or project, which furthers the organization's mission.

Blue Team Activities

- Safe operation of a standard sized truck, potentially with a trailer in tow
- Set up and tear down of watering equipment: filling water tank, properly using and storing hoses, basic mechanical/electrical maintenance as needed
- Watering of 150 trees per week around the downtown Grand Rapids area
- Additional tree pruning, mulching, and maintenance as needed.
- Shifts may vary, but average 5-7 hours a day, 3-4 days a week (20 Hours total/week)

Office Management:

- Help maintain a clean office environment

Other duties as assigned

Required Skills:

- Enthusiasm and infectious positive spirit
- Possession of a valid Michigan driver's license and driving record in good standing
- Ability to navigate to and from specific sites efficiently
- Physical ability to work outdoors and withstand a wide range of weather conditions.
- Must wear appropriate clothing and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) while on the job (pants, boots, safety vest, eye protection)
- Ability to think strategically and have fun
- Task oriented, team focused, but can work independently
- Excellent relationship building skills with diverse populations
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to positively represent the values and goals of Friends of Grand Rapids Parks

Preferred Experience:

- 1-2 Years experience working with trees, landscaping, irrigation, or operating trucks/equipment

Physical Capacity Requirements:

This position requires the ability to walk, speak, hear, lift and carry, finger dexterity, and visual acuity. It also requires the ability to lift 50 pounds. Reasonable accommodations will be provided, if necessary, for individuals with disabilities who can perform the essential job functions of the assignment.

At Will Employment:

All employment with Friends of Grand Rapids Park is voluntary and is subject to termination by both Parties at will, with or without cause, and with or without notice, at any time. Nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted to be in conflict with or to eliminate or modify in any way the employment-at-will status of Friends of Grand Rapids Parks employees.

Stephanie Adams, Executive Director

Date: _____