

Blanding's Turtle Technicians – Ohio (OSU)

Job Classification: Seasonal, full-time
Employer: Ohio State University
Location: Sandusky, Ohio
Salary: \$10/hr.

Description

We are seeking seasonal field technicians 4/10-8/21 for the second year of a project to determine the distribution and status of Blanding's Turtles in Ohio in support of regional conservation efforts led by The Toledo Zoo, Ohio State University, Ohio Division of Wildlife, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Survey sites are centered in the coastal wetlands of the Western Lake Erie Basin, an area recognized for its ecological significance to a variety of species, notably migratory birds and reptiles.

Due to anticipated COVID restrictions, we will be unable to provide shared housing and employees will need to provide their own transportation to field sites.

Work will entail:

- setting and checking aquatic funnel traps;
- conducting visual encounter surveys;
- collecting demographic and morphometric data;
- collecting blood samples;
- inserting passive integrated transponders (PIT);
- recording locations using a GPS unit;
- assessing habitat; and,
- recording data.

Qualifications

Attributes of competitive applicants include:

- willingness and ability to work long hours in inclement weather (heat, cold, rain, etc.) with exposure to mosquitoes, biting flies, ticks, and noxious plants;
- commitment to maintaining a safe work environment;
- dedication to accurate and thorough data collection;
- self-motivated with a positive attitude;
- respectful and professional in interactions with other team members, partners, and the public;
- ability to lift 50 lbs. and traverse irregular terrain (e.g., wetlands);
- possession of a valid driver's license and insurance.

Available: On or before April 10, 2020 through August 2020

Last Date to Apply: 01/17/2020

To Apply

Combine the following into a single PDF document and submit by email to Greg Lipps (Lipps.37@osu.edu): 1) cover letter indicating you meet the job requirements and your available start and end dates; 2) resume/CV; and, 3) names, phone numbers, and email addresses of two professional references.

Direct questions to Greg Lipps: Lipps.37@osu.edu