Environmental Stewardship Internship Opportunity at Grass Lake Sanctuary – Summer 2014

Grass Lake Sanctuary is a vibrant, volunteer-led organization comprised of 50 local professionals and community volunteers working together to support health and wellness on all levels. Our mission is to provide evidence-based healthy living programs, retreats, and post-medical self-management where people can learn to establish balance and connection within their personal and natural worlds. Curriculum includes foods for health, movement and exercise, trauma release and re-balancing, connection to nature, relationship building, and creativity from the heart. The goal is to create a “culture of wellness” that increases quality of life and decreases risk for chronic illness for individuals and families and to build a community that inspires an ongoing choice for a healthy lifestyle that can be integrated into everyday life.

We manage a 145 acre retreat facility with modern land conservation and stewardship practices, habitat preservation, and sacred space care in Manchester, Michigan just a few miles outside of Chelsea. 45 acres are owned by Grass Lake Sanctuary, and 100 are owned by Washtenaw Parks and Recreation as a Nature Preserve. Both parcels are maintained by Grass Lake Sanctuary, and the care that is given to them is a critical component in creating a healing backdrop for the retreats that unfold on the site.

Environmental Stewardship Intern/Volunteer:
The Grass Lake Sanctuary Environmental Stewardship Intern will play an important role by partnering with Grass Lake Sanctuary staff and volunteers to:

- Create an overall vision for a Land Management Plan.
- Develop, organize and implement a natural features inventory plan of our diverse site.
- Create a Photo Point Monitoring program to assess changes in vegetation over time.
- Perform an Invasive species inventory, and in some cases, implement removal procedures.
- Support general care of the land and environment.

The Summer Intern/Volunteer Environment:
The Environmental Stewardship Intern will have the opportunity to work in our diverse habitats of woods, domed fens, prairies, and wet meadows alongside a caring environmental professional. This is a unique opportunity to apply and develop conscious land stewardship skills. You will also be rubbing shoulders with evidence-based, integrative and complementary health and wellness experts who conduct our retreats, and may wish to learn from them as well. This is a great chance to make a profound, lasting difference on the land that we call home, and on the lives of Grass Lake Sanctuary retreat participants – families, individuals, and breast cancer survivors.

We believe your time with us will be a summer well-spent!

For more information, please contact Lana Jerome at 248-321-1993. Thank You!