

**Stowe Land Trust**  
**SUMMER NATURALIST**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Gain valuable on-the-job, career driven work experience with Stowe Land Trust (SLT) as a summer naturalist in Stowe, Vermont. This position assists in the operation of the conserved Mill Trail property and supports community outreach and management of SLT's other conserved properties. The position will focus on:

- Acting as an ambassador for the Mill Trail property
- Developing and leading interpretive programs and outings
- Planning and leading volunteer trail workdays
- Partnering with youth volunteer programs
- Assisting with public outreach on the above

The Summer Naturalist Intern will be supervised by the Assistant Director who manages stewardship and outreach activities for Stowe Land Trust, and will assist with the regular stewardship activities and outreach programs conducted by SLT in the summer season.

**TIME COMMITMENT**

Mid-June through mid-October. The completion date for this position may be flexible. Position will not exceed 15-20 hours per week. Weekend and evening work is required.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

1. Staff the conserved Mill Trail Cabin
  - a. answer questions from visitors about SLT, the Cabin and surrounding property.
  - b. plan and lead guided tours of the Cabin and property
  - c. design and host interpretive programs on various natural and cultural subjects
  - d. perform minor maintenance tasks on and around the Cabin as needed
2. Develop and lead outings and educational programs on other conserved lands.
  - a. plan and lead outings
  - b. design and host educational programs
  - c. assist with monthly Board member led outings
3. Assist with maintenance of trails on SLT conserved lands.
  - a. coordinate and lead monthly community trail workdays
  - b. coordinate and lead youth volunteer program workdays
  - c. coordinate and lead manual invasive species control projects

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Completed at least one year of post-secondary education
- Has a valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Has access to private work space
- Training or field experience in natural sciences, environmental education or a related field

- Ability to work independently and while supervising others
- Excellent people skills; outgoing and tactful; positive and collaborative attitude
- Well organized work style and capable of multi-tasking
- Ability to do light trail work and use hand tools
- Ability to coordinate adult and youth volunteers
- Capable of designing and leading interpretive programs for adult and youth audiences
- Familiarity with Vermont flora and fauna; understanding of basic ecology; plant identification skills
- Computer literate, working knowledge of Microsoft programs and email

**COMPENSATION**

\$12 per hour; this position does not offer additional benefits.

**TO APPLY**

Applications will be reviewed as they are received until **noon on May 24, 2013** or until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a short letter of interest, resume and contact information for three references to (email is preferred):

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