



Now Hiring!

Operations Coordinator

We are hiring a full-time Operations Coordinator for our dedicated team based in Viroqua, Wisconsin. We seek a team member who is goal-oriented, eager to serve, supportive of the mission of The Prairie Enthusiasts, and dedicated to growing with us. The ideal candidate is passionate about The Prairie Enthusiasts' mission, highly organized, and values collaboration.

The salary range for this position is \$52,000-\$58,000 depending on qualifications, plus benefits. It is preferred that this position would be 30-40 hours per week onsite in Viroqua.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Collaborate with colleagues and Chapter volunteers to develop and maintain systems related to volunteer management, property monitoring for land protected by The Prairie Enthusiasts and the prescribed burn program.
- Staff liaison for relevant volunteer Committees.
- Administer Conservation Reserve Program, rental agreements and contracts.
- Support special projects related to land management and education programs.

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

- Service-minded
- Able to prioritize and meet deadlines
- Time management and organizational skills
- Good verbal and written communication
- Proven ability to work on a team
- Technology competence preferred: Microsoft Office and data management software
- High school diploma or equivalent, 2-4 year degree preferred
- Reliable transportation

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

These demands must be met to successfully perform the essential functions of this job: The employee will be frequently required to stand/sit; talk/hear; walk; use hands/fingers to handle or feel; occasional reaching with hands and arms. Reasonable accommodation may be made for those with disabilities to perform these functions.

ABOUT US

For thousands of years, the Upper Midwest was abundant with prairies and oak savannas that evolved to depend on fires, most of which were ignited by Indigenous Peoples. With the arrival of Europeans, this once vast landscape was almost entirely lost to the plow, lack of fire, introduction of nonnative species and development pressures. Today, only a tiny fraction remains. Threats to biodiversity globally have made these imperiled places, with the rare plants and wildlife they sustain, even more vital for our future. Yet few prairie remnants have been protected and more continue to slip away.

The Prairie Enthusiasts seek out, protect and restore fire-dependent ecosystems across the Upper Midwest. We celebrate their beauty and complexity and actively steward them by returning fire to the land. Our regional chapters are reconstructing the prairie and contributing to landscape-scale conservation by working with landowners and collaborating with partners. We are a grassroots community of learners, sharing insights, practices and inspiration.

CORE VALUES

Our core values define our culture. We hire, fire, review, reward and recognize employees based on these values:

Reverence for the Land

All that we are, and everything we do is deeply rooted in our love and respect for the Land – the communities of soils, water, plants, animals, and other living things, of which we are all a part.

Long View

The origins of the land are ancient. We are stewards of the present – the legacy entrusted to our care. Our actions will shape what is possible for future generations.

Working Together

We are responsible for caring for the land. Everyone has a unique ability to contribute. By working together, we form bonds that make our community stronger than ourselves.

Sharing Knowledge

We honor wisdom and experience, science, and the arts. We are seekers and teachers, sharing what we have learned and encouraging others to build on it.

HOW TO APPLY

Send your cover letter and resume to Jessica Bizub, Operations Director, at JBizub@theprairieenthusiasts.org. In your cover letter, tell us why you are interested in working with The Prairie Enthusiasts and how your experience has prepared you for this role.

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