

FRIENDS OF THE MAD RIVER



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LAB COORDINATOR for Mad River Watch Program Job Description

General Description:

Interested in CSI-type work to gather valuable data about the Mad River and its tributaries? ...Friends of the Mad River seeks self-motivated and detail-oriented person to oversee the laboratory duties for our water quality monitoring program, Mad River Watch (MRW). Lab Coordinator will perform laboratory testing of water samples for *E. coli* level, coordinate the collection of samples by volunteers, and generally manage the laboratory. Specific duties include: ordering supplies, prepping sample bottles and equipment for volunteers, reviewing field notes from volunteers, following *E. coli* testing protocols (including using chemicals, small and delicate materials, and basic laboratory equipment), assessing and calculating data, and sterilizing materials and cleaning the workspace. The Lab Coordinator acts as the “glue” for the MRW program by streamlining its different aspects.

Qualifications:

Previous scientific laboratory experience is desirable (mostly in the sense that you would better know what to expect) but absolutely not necessary. Do you bake? Follow a recipe? It's just like that! The successful candidate will have willingness to learn, ability to closely and accurately follow protocols, attention to safety, and zen in the face of repetition. You will be organized, inquisitive, thorough, content working alone (though you will definitely have interaction with people), and interested in getting to know more about the Mad River. Training will be provided.

Commitment:

The Mad River Watch season is from June 13 through August 23. 2-6 hours of training will be necessary before June 13, though the dates are flexible. Sampling is conducted on Mondays, bi-monthly. Analysis is completed on Tuesdays, bi-monthly. Each day requires approximately 5-6 hours, morning through early-afternoon. Dates for summer 2015 are: June 13/14, June 27/28, July 11/12, July 25/26, August 8/9, and August 22/23. Commitment is between 66 and 90 hours total, depending on your efficiency and experience.

Compensation:

\$15.00 per hour.

To Apply:

Please submit a brief cover letter and resume to friends@madriver.com. Resume should include contact information for at least 2 references.

Application Deadline:

Position is open until filled. Posted 5/1/2016.