Northern Forest Canoe Trail Allagash Wilderness Waterway Stewardship Crew Leader Position Description

The Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT) is seeking an experienced trail enthusiast to lead a summer stewardship crew based along the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in northern Maine. As the only dedicated water trail crew in the Northeast, NFCT stewardship crews specialize in projects at the interface of land and water, including campsites, portage trails, and access points. The Allagash Stewardship Crew Leader will work with three Stewardship Interns, camp groups, and community volunteers to lead stewardship projects along the Allagash Wilderness Waterway (AWW), a remote and beautiful section of our water trail in Northern Maine.

Position Details

- Duration: May 28th—August 9th
- Field-based, full-time (40 hours/week).
- \$720-\$800 / week compensation
- Food provided during work week
- \$0.67 per mile reimbursement for work related travel in personal vehicles

Responsibilities

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You will be responsible for overseeing team operations while coordinating a series of projects to rehabilitate campsites (primarily on Churchill Lake) in the heart of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. In addition to ensuring adherence to safety guidelines and cultivating teamwork and leadership skills, work will involve constructing tent pads, installing stone steps, restoring eroding river banks, assembling privies, improving access trails, tree plantings, and more.

The NCFCT works with partners to implement projects along our trail and throughout adjacent waterways of the Northern Forest. Drawing on our extensive experience working in challenging, ecologically sensitive, and often remote environments, our crew implements practices that are flexible, durable, and innovative.

Minimum Qualifications

- Prior trail crew experience; competence in both timber and stone construction techniques.
- Strong outdoor skills; ability to live and work in remote settings
- Experience operating various types of tools and equipment

- Experience working in a team environment
- Experience with flat-water paddling
- Enthusiasm for physical work and outdoor living
- Valid driver's license

Desired Qualifications

- Prior trail crew leader experience
- Prior Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder Certification
- Experience leading and instructing others in a field setting
- Experience working with volunteers
- Chainsaw experience, certification
- College degree in applicable field
- Confidence with flat-water paddling
- Access to a personal vehicle

Note: this is a field-based position. The crew will camp at rotating project sites on Churchill Lake. We expect to run a 10-day on, 4-day off schedule. During days off, the crew will have access to ranger facilities at Churchill Dam.

How To Apply

- Send cover letter and resume to Noah Pollock at noah@northernforestcanoetrail.org
- Please include your name followed by "Allagash Stewardship Crew Leader" in the subject line
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. We hope to fill the position by late February.