



Housing Authority of Cook County

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY & FRIENDS OF THE FOREST **PRESERVES OFFER SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM**

Housing Authority Residents & Voucher Holders Eligible to Apply for Limited Slots

(Cook County) -- The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) is partnering with the Friends of the Forest Preserves to provide summer jobs for housing authority residents and voucher holders. The "Forest Preserve Experience" program is a summer youth employment program that provides conservation and job training skills to high-school youth, ages 15-19, from families who are residential clients of the Housing Authority of Cook County. The five week program will engage one program manager, one assistant program manager, 8 adult field leaders and 50 youth participants in hands on ecological restoration activities.

Selected applicants will be assigned to "Crews" and will receive extensive environmental education and training supplemented by nature based recreational activities which promote forest preserve awareness and sustainability.

As a team, the Crews will be exposed to prairies, wetlands, and forests where they will learn about protecting natural heritage. A large focus of this program will also be dedicated to environmental enrichment activities.

The Friends of the Forest Preserves is a force of thousands committed to volunteers and members, and the award winning Conservation Corps programs for high school students and young adults has been recognized for providing training opportunities to students and young adults from low-income neighborhoods.

The program will run from June 27 - July 28, 2017. Students will work Tuesday-Friday, 20 hours/week and receive a wage of **\$8.25/hr**. **Applications must be submitted electronically or by mail by May 19, 2017**. Late applications will not be accepted, no exceptions. Applications can be downloaded at <http://clk2.it/hXAZ3x>.

The Housing Authority of Cook County is the second largest public housing agency in Illinois and owns and operates 23 housing properties.

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