

Job Description for 2009 North Woods/Sustainability Stewards

Two students will be hired as North Woods/Sustainability Stewards to continue the promising program carried out during the summers of 2006-2008, as well as participate in the Sustainable Skidmore program.

We are looking for creative, organized, self-directed, responsible people who are woodsworthy. The successful applicant will have good public relations skills and be comfortable interacting with visitors in the North Woods. CPR and First Aid certification as well as GIS knowledge and website development are desirable skills.

The positions run from May 26 through August 1, 2009. The summer stewards are expected to work for a minimum of 250 hours during the summer, reporting to Erica Fuller, Campus Sustainability Coordinator, who will act as the staff supervisor. Campus housing is provided. The positions include the following responsibilities:

Monitoring Physical Condition of North Woods

- Maintain physical appearance of the woods, including litter removal and trail maintenance
- Keep records of visitor use
- Ensure visitor safety by maintaining contact with campus safety regarding activity in the woods while on duty

Information

- Inform visitors about the details and goals of the stewardship program.
- Maintain kiosks, trail markers and signage so that visitors and campus safety know woods layout
- Help maintain Sustainable Skidmore and North Woods websites

Reach Out to Saratoga Community

- Build Friends of the Skidmore North Woods Membership
- Conduct public outreach, such as lectures and guided hikes for civic and other groups

Increase Sustainable Skidmore Program Visibility:

- Implement a sustainability public education project for summer program students and employees
- Brainstorm ideas to make sustainability projects more visible when students return
- Develop public education programs for increasing sustainable behavior

Sustainable Skidmore Project Support:

- This section could be:
 - o supporting an existing sustainability project (such as the Eco-Rep program or the Green House Gas Inventory)
 - o researching, creating a proposal for and implementing a new sustainability initiative

Documentation:

- Write a report summarizing the summer North Woods / sustainability activities: **Due**

September 1st

- Include a section on recommendations for future stewardship and sustainability
- Write a two page executive summary for IPCC

