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**Subject:** Seasonal Wildlife Technicians, Lake County, Illinois

Wildlife Technician  
Employer: Northern Illinois University  
Job Type: Seasonal, Temporary, Internship  
Location: Lake County, Illinois

Job Description: Two wildlife technician positions are available to assist the Lake County Forest Preserve District with its Wildlife Monitoring Program from April through October 2016 (approximate dates). Technicians will conduct cover-board and live trap surveys of fish, amphibians, and reptiles; visual and call surveys of nesting birds, and live trap surveys of small mammals. Training and all equipment will be provided for all internship activities.

Qualifications: Ideal candidates will be comfortable working long hours in the outdoors with little shade and with abundant biting insects, ticks, and poison ivy. Additional requirements include:

- B.S. in biology, natural resources, environmental studies or related field OR degree in progress with relevant course work
- Valid driver's license
- Familiarity with or ability to learn regional vertebrate species and ability to safely handle large and potentially aggressive animals (e.g. snapping turtles, weasels)
- Willingness to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions and habitats
- Flexibility regarding work schedule and conditions
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to communicate effectively with forest preserve agency personnel and the public regarding project details
- Adherence to safety and animal handling protocols

Essential Job functions:

- Catching, handling, and identifying, fish, amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals
- Marking and measuring reptiles and mammals
- Setting, baiting, checking, and cleaning live traps for small mammals
- Traveling among field sampling sites and wildlife facilities
- Checking and maintaining camera traps
- Maintaining accurate data sheets
- Recording environmental conditions
- Conducting vegetation surveys
- Data entry

Salary: \$10/hr, 37.5 hr per week; housing in Lake County is available at \$100/month; vehicle or mileage reimbursement is provided

How to Apply: Interested parties should submit a cover letter addressing qualifications listed above, resume/CV, and contact information of 3 references to Dr. Nicholas Barber at [nbarber@niu.edu](mailto:nbarber@niu.edu)  
Application Deadline: 1 March 2016

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