

Summer inside got you down? Looking to get outside AND get experience working in the field? Then this could be the summer field experience you've been waiting for!



Come join a team of researchers this May to investigate the distribution of wild American chestnut sprouts on the Appalachian landscape in Virginia. No prior field experience necessary! We are specifically looking at how chestnut sprouts respond to prescribed fire to inform land managers tasked with restoring this once mighty tree.

Here's what to expect:

- Extensive backcountry hiking and camping at three locations on National Forest and The Nature Conservancy land in Virginia for about three weeks in May
- Carrying and using various field equipment such as a GPS unit and camera
- Locating and marking plots for taking various measurements and notes

Benefits for you:

- ✓ Transportation and lodging expenses would be paid for or reimbursed
- Opportunity for your own undergraduate research based on your own research questions using the data collected for this project (but is not required)
 - Especially valuable for those planning to attend grad school
 - Could involve GIS analysis

Interested? Contact Matt Vaughan at vmatth7@tamu.edu or 502-377-0801