Where to Look for Seasonal Federal Jobs

By Andrew Kelher

Where do I look for job openings? How do I apply? These are the common questions when a student is looking for a government job.

If you’re in a Natural Resources major then you’re probably looking into a job with Forest Service, BLM, National Park Service, or even a state job.

There is a job board outside each department office in the NR building. Summer jobs opportunities in that field are posted there. Also outside of Maureen’s office there is a job board. There are also several websites that can be used to find job openings. Here are a few of the best:

http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/a.htm
http://www.nps.gov/
http://www.fs.fed.us/
http://www.blm.gov/
http://www.ajb.org/ut/

There is a large variety of ways government agencies have for you to apply for summer positions. The Forest Service has a new application system this year. You can apply over the Internet or send for an application by calling 877-813-3476. The BLM still has the basic application and an Internet process. Most of the state agencies are similar.

If you have any questions Maureen Wagener can answer any questions and help you find a job.

Non-Government Jobs in the Private Sector

By Angie Burke

If you prefer not to work for the government, you can apply for private jobs, "private" meaning any non-governmental job. It could be working for an environmental agency or a resort or camp or non-profit corporation.

The Summer Job Fair is a great place to find summer work if you are interested in working as a camp director or for a resort. This year the fair will take place on Tuesday, February 8, in the TSC Sunburst Lounge, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The fair will also host governmental agencies and parks. More information about the summer job fair can be inquired at 797-0184.

Summer work at resorts is also posted on the job board outside the Financial Aid Office, TSC 106.

In Maureen Wagner's office, room NR112 there is a good directory of non-governmental organizations called the 1999 Conservation Directory. It was put together by the National Wildlife Foundation and contains the addresses, phone numbers, emails, and mission statements of each agency. If a natural resource student knows an agency he/she would like to work for or would just like ideas, this book is a great reference.

Some examples of non-government agencies are the League to save Lake Tahoe in South Lake Tahoe, CA, or the Utah Wilderness Coalition. In Maureen's office, you'll also find two helpers named Jenny & Matt, who will direct you to what you are looking for, whether to the job clipboards, just outside the office, or to a list of helpful natural resource websites with job/internship positions posted, including summer internships.

Another good place to find local private companies to work for is in the phone book under "Environmental/Ecological Organizations and Services." There you will find companies like Biowest or Pioneer Environmental Services, etc.

Geography majors may have the most interest in private summer work, since most of them end up with permanent private jobs after they graduate. Geography professors would be good to talk to about which agencies or corporations would be best.
Jobs in Research for the University

By Christy Shumway

Some of the most obvious places to begin a job search may be the state and federal agencies, but other possibilities lurk behind many doors in our own NR and BNR buildings. Professors and grad students offer lots of summer jobs for those who are willing to get out and ask.

The best way to get a school sponsored job is to visit NR and BNR professors, knocking on doors like a girl scout with cookies. Just bring a resume and be ready to explain why you would be right for the job.

Summer jobs are as diverse as the professors and grad students who offer them. Some in the past have included gathering nutrient cycling data in mountain lakes of the Sawtooth Mountains, or hiking around the Uintas listening for songbird calls.

Closer to Logan, there are jobs like working at the Forage and Range Lab or taking care of sheep in Green Canyon. Whatever your fancy, you can probably find a job doing it through the university.

Some of the first doors to go knock on are those of your favorite professors from past classes. They will know about your enthusiasm for their area of interest and you may be familiar with what they’re studying. The most important thing they look for is your potential to do a good job, and if you’ve got the initiative to go out looking and enthusiasm about their project, it’s a pretty good indication that you’ll be a good addition to their crew.

So get out there and sell some cookies!

Do YOU have a job yet?

Scholarship Application Due February 1, to Maureen’s Office. Make sure you follow the instructions and hand in your transcript.
**Club Update**

**Council**
January 27th, next Thursday, there will be a second chance social 12:00-2:00. Come join a club and do all that stuff you didn't get around to last semester. Oh ya FREE FOOD!!! More info will be posted later or contact Mami at sl825.

**Forestry Club**
The Loggers Ball is coming up soon (Feb 18th) so get ready! If you want help out please come to the meetings which are held every Thursday at 5pm in the atrium.

The Society of American Foresters is having its annual meeting this Friday (Jan 21st) in Ogden so get involved free food I believe.

Conclave/logger sports is going to be April 2nd-8th at Humboldt State in Arcata, California. This should be a pretty sweet trip and a chance to show off your skills.

Arbor day but more info is coming, any questions contact President Sandra sjkell_9@hotmail.com

**Geography Club**
No info! For info contact Eric Sant SLLCL or 753-8944

**Wildlife Society**
February 18th the annual Loggers ball and game dinner “A night of dinner, dancing and raffle prizes.” Don’t miss this one and bring all your friends. If you’re interested in helping out please come to the planning meetings held every Thursday at 5pm in the atrium.

March 14th-18th Conclave is a quizbowl, art, and presentation contest between western universities. This year USU will be hosting the event which will include field trips, dinner, and socials. This is a great opportunity to get involved. Meetings are held Thursday at 7pm in NR 106 (You could possibly get college credit for working with conclave.)

Also planned are meetings with DWR shorebird specialist Don Paul, and an X-country/snowshoeing adventure with DWR biologist Dennis Austin.

**Range Club**
The Range Club is really busy with Plant ID and URME, getting ready to compete in Boise on the 13th-17th of February. For more info contact Ada SL727.

**Banff film festival**
February 16th and 17th starting at 7pm in the Kent Concert Hall $5 Admission For anyone interested in Extreme MOUNTAIN sports

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**Newsletter Committee**
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For more information about club activities check Club Update, page 3.