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**TITLE:** Invasive Species Team Members (2)

**SPONSORING AGENCY OR INSTITUTION:** American Conservation Experience (ACE), a nonprofit Conservation Corps, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

**POSITION DESCRIPTION AND WORKING CONDITIONS:** Invasive Species Team Selected applicants will contribute to invasive plant management with Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge Staff. The ACE member will provide support and assistance under the guidance and direction of FWS staff in the management of salt cedar, pampas grass, Johnson grass, and other invasive plants to further the mission of the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in the conservation, protection, and enhancement of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people at the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge.

This position will facilitate professional development, promote exposure to land management agencies and networking with professionals, including experience in different conservation fields and shadowing different work groups.

Selected applicants will provide support and assistance under the guidance and direction of USFWS staff in the accomplishment of:

* Invasive Plant Management
* Invasive Plant Surveying: Surveying areas for invasive species
* Operating GPS units and ArcCollector for monitoring purposes
* Driving 4WD government trucks
* Educating the public on invasive and native plant and animal species to engage and inform the local community on this and other resource management issues at the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

* US citizen or permanent resident able to represent ACE/FWS in a professional manner.
* Ability to be self-directed and work alone, and be a contributing member of a group.
* Valid driver's license and an insurable driving record.
* Willing to undergo and pass the required three-part criminal history check.
* Ability to perform essential duties with or without reasonable accommodation.
* Effective oral and written communication skills with all ages and audiences.
* Ability to multitask and shift schedule and priorities to meet changing conditions.
* Commitment to completing tasks thoroughly and on time.
* Attend FWS ATV/UTV training after hiring, or have FWS ATV/UTV certificate.
* Ability to work in the field in variable weather conditions and carry 40 lbs and walk long distances over uneven, wet surfaces.
* More information at <https://www.usaconservation.org/epic/#eligibility-requirements>.

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**LOCATION:** Jet, Oklahoma, USA. Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge covers 32,197 acres including an 11,200-acre salt flat designated as the "largest such saline flat in the lowlands of North America." The refuge is designated as critical whooping crane habitat, an Important Bird Area, and is a member of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Submit resume, cover letter demonstrating interest and experience, and contact information for three professional/academic references to the online application page at<https://usaconservation.applicantpool.com/jobs/>. Early consideration will be given as resumes are received. This position may close at any time.

**AVAILABILITY AND PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT:** 5 June 2023 - 11 August 2023

**COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:**

* $600/week dispersed bi-weekly.
* AmeriCorps Education Award Program: This position may be eligible for a 300-hour AmeriCorps Education Award while serving under the EAP 2022/23 grant year program, for up to $1,374.60 upon completion of a complete service term and 300 hours.
* FWS housing at no cost for the duration of the term.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** For additional questions contact ACE EPIC FWS Member Manager, Andrew Garcia, at [agarcia@usaconservation.org](mailto:agarcia@usaconservation.org) or 928-419-7035.

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