

# Sylvania Wilderness Invasives 2017 Team Members Wanted



The Friends of Sylvania is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect and preserve the Sylvania Wilderness. We are looking for 3 - 4 motivated team members to document and remove terrestrial invasive plants in and around the Sylvania Wilderness. This work is partially supported by grants. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience while working to protect one of the few remnants of virgin northern old-growth forest remaining in the Great Lakes region. It is our goal to minimize the threat of invasive plants in the Sylvania Wilderness and to educate, empower, and inspire our interns. For more information about Sylvania and Friends of Sylvania, please go to [www.FriendsofSylvania.org](http://www.FriendsofSylvania.org).

**LOCATION:** The Sylvania Wilderness and Recreational Area is located within the Ottawa National Forest in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, about 7 miles southwest of Watersmeet, MI.

**EMPLOYMENT TERMS:** Early June through mid-August 2017. This is a part-time position: approximately 8 days in June, and 12 days in July and 4-6 days in August, for a total of about 200 hours at the rate of \$12/hour for high school students, \$14/hour for College students. The work schedule is somewhat uncertain because the time of year when the targeted invasives are most susceptible depends on the plant species and the weather. An intern would be committing to the above schedule for one summer.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Invasive Team will assist the Friends of Sylvania (FoS) in their invasive plant monitoring and control work in the Sylvania Wilderness and Perimeter Area. Specifically, the team will:

- assist the FoS in their work to document (GPS), remove and control invasive thistles, spotted knapweed, garlic mustard, barberry, honeysuckle, etc.

- maintain a daily record of the work done in Sylvania on the Friends of Sylvania blog ([www.Friendsofsylvania.org/FOSblog](http://www.Friendsofsylvania.org/FOSblog))
- update Excel records of invasive plant sites and document new sites
- be responsible for the care and maintenance of equipment provided for this project
- keep good communication with the project coordinators via an internet blog, phone, and meetings

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- good outdoor skills: GPS, map, compass, paddling, swimming, survival skills
- good communication and organization skills
- good documentation skills (basic proficiency in MS Word and Excel, and ability to learn some software applications)
- botany background preferred and a love of wilderness
- ability to work cooperatively as a member of a team with little direct supervision
- ability to work long hours in rugged country under sometimes difficult circumstances

**INDEPENDENT STUDY CREDITS:** We would be willing to cooperate with an institutional instructor to assist you in obtaining academic credit for this project.

**RUSTIC ACCOMODATIONS:** Free camping will be available at Sylvania. Note well: team members need to provide their own transportation to and from Sylvania. Carpooling will be encouraged.

**TO APPLY:** Please send your resume and two references (names, phone numbers, and email addresses) to Wally at [wabrinkm@wisc.edu](mailto:wabrinkm@wisc.edu) as soon as possible but **before April 20, 2017**. The resume should include:

- a list of relevant coursework and other educational training, including major and minor fields of study, course work grades and overall GPA



- a list and brief description of past employment or volunteer work experience related to this project
- a description of your level of competence in the skills listed under the heading 'Qualifications' above

If you have questions please contact the e-mail above or call 608/222.6717 or 608/698.5144 . Suitable candidates will be contacted to schedule interviews