



Swim Guide Field Technician Summer 2024

Mission

CRBI is a 501c3 grassroots environmental organization based in Rome, Georgia with the mission to protect, preserve, and restore one of North America's most biologically diverse river systems – the upper Coosa River basin. Since 1993, our staff, board and members have served as advocates for the wise stewardship of the watershed, which stretches from southeastern Tennessee and north central Georgia to Weiss Dam in Northeast Alabama. This includes the Coosa River, the Etowah and Oostanula rivers and the tributaries of these waterways as well as the land drained by these streams and the air that surrounds this land area. To read more about our mission visit coosa.org

What is Swim Guide?

The CRBI River Swim Guide is a weekly bacteriological monitoring program that monitors popular recreation areas in our river basin to determine if it is safe to swim. The goal of this program is to protect public health, execute best practices in the field and in the lab, and improve water quality and enjoy ourselves while doing so! We want people to be well informed and feel safe when they get outdoors to enjoy their summer. This is why each Thursday & Friday from Memorial Day until Labor Day we are dedicated to testing water quality.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Field Technician (FT) is responsible for collecting water quality samples in the field while ensuring that the samples collected adhere to our strict quality control standards. The FT is responsible for managing their specific route sample collection as well as the water quality data recorded. The FT needs a deep understanding of the community's need and how this program addresses that need.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Collect weekly bacteriological samples for a designated route in our watershed by vehicle
- Must adhere to strict field and laboratory protocol to ensure samples are not compromised
- Engage with the public at sampling sites by answering questions and promoting the program itself



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Requirements

- A reliable form of transportation and proof of car insurance to qualify for mileage reimbursement at the federal rate (.585 cents/mile)
- Comfortable working outdoors, lifting 30 lbs, and being on the water
- Proficient written, verbal, and organizational skills
- Good time management skills and willingness to try new things like fishing, swimming, kayaking
- Must be willing to drive your own vehicle long distances every Thursday
- All CRBI interns are expected to follow general employee policies and procedures found in the Intern/Volunteer Policy. In addition to the position responsibilities stated above, these include maintaining a healthy and productive workplace in the office, lab and field, as well as contributing to the overall maintenance and wellbeing of the workspace.

Preferred

- Currently enrolled in or already have a degree in 2-year or 4-year degree in (but not limited to) biology, public health, ecology, conservation, etc.

TIMELINE FOR POSITION

- Sampling Start Date: May 24th, 2024
- Availability to work all day on Thursdays from Memorial Day until Labor Day
- Must attend Intern Training: in mid May (date to be announced) or make special arrangements if you're unable to make it
- Your mileage will be reimbursed at the federal rate (.585 cents/mile) to cover your mileage and wear/tear on your vehicle during the summer

HOW TO APPLY

We will begin interviews in April.

To apply, email cover letter and resume to info@coosa.org