

Seasonal Goatherd Interns:

Job Dates: full-time seasonal employment from: **6/08/20-9/08/2020**

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Job Description:

Goatherd: The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank seeks two individuals to assist during the summer season in the ecological goat grazing program. The Land Bank has established a goat grazing program with approximately 150 goats to reclaim old fields and manage invasive and aggressive plant species. The goatherds will work with the Land Bank Ecologist and Staff to implement summer grazing rotations and data collection for an ongoing grazing ecology experiment.

Typical Goatherd Duties Include:

- Setting up and taking down moveable electric fence at specific grazing locations
- Cutting fence line ahead with a walk-behind mower
- Bringing water and minerals to goats daily with water tank in truck
- Assessing the goat herd's health daily
- Assisting Land Bank Staff with moving the goats to properties on trailers
- Assisting in hoof trimming and worming and doing health checks of the herd

Skills needed:

Successful applicants must demonstrate good communication skills; ability to work both independently and as part of a team; **have own vehicle transportation**; and enjoy working outside in all weather with livestock. Successful applicants will also have experience working with goats or other similar livestock, as well as experience driving small to midsize trucks, moving trailers, cutting grass/brush with a walk behind mower, and setting moveable electric fencing.

Pay/Housing:

Salary is +\$14.50 per hour (40 hours/week). Applicants who have housing is a plus. If housing is required, furnished rustic housing is available with shared kitchen and bath, subject to housing contract.

To Apply:

Application for employment with the land bank is located on the land bank website at www.mvlandbank.com under **employment opportunities**. Use the link to the online application form and follow instructions to upload cover letter and resume.

Interviews will be conducted in person or by telephone. Please contact Ian Peach via email at ian.peach@vineyardlanbank.com, if you have questions or require additional information concerning this job announcement

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 3rd, 2020