



Summer Bison Ranch Hand

Job Description

Overview

The North American Bison Discovery Center in Jamestown, ND, maintains two bison herds on approximately 200 acres. The Summer Bison Ranch Hand reports to the Curator and works on the property during the summer season. Work hours may vary with possible evening, weekend, or holiday work required, depending on the ranch hand schedules and associated work duties. This is a seasonal position with the potential for extension based on funding and departmental needs.

Duties & Responsibilities

- o Assist with the daily care of bison and the day-to-day operations of the ranch, including feeding and watering, equipment maintenance, and corral cleaning, etc., while using low-stress handling.
- o Report on daily livestock-related activities, including but not limited to animal health, weather conditions, facility conditions, forage and feed consumption.
- o Ensure safety and security of all team members, equipment, forage, feed, and animals.
- o Maintain the cleanliness and organization of corrals, vehicles, and tractor shed.
- o Maintain trails, maintain & repair fencing, water tanks, other ranch infrastructure (ie vehicles).
- o Operate and maintain ranch equipment and machinery, such as tractors, side-by-sides, trucks, and portable handling systems.
- o Monitor the health of the herd and administer other antibiotics, fly control, and other medical treatments as directed.
- o Participate in roundup and transport of bison to market or new pasture if needed.
- o Keep accurate records of calving dates, sex, and dam.
- o Work in variable weather conditions, at remote locations, on difficult and hazardous terrain, and under physically demanding circumstances.
- o Work with the museum's Curator and other appropriate staff to develop and implement a weed-and-brush control plan.
- o Perform general maintenance and upkeep tasks around the museum and pasture.

Required Skills & Experience

- o Background in animal husbandry (especially bison or cattle) or a willingness to learn
- o Equipment, maintenance, and repair experience / mechanical, electrical aptitude.
- o Valid driver's license and experience operating various types of equipment and machinery (trucks, tractors, ATV/UTVs, mowers, generators, pumps, etc.). CDL a plus.
- o Solid interpersonal, communication, and analytical skills

- o Flexible and Adaptable—thrives in a constantly changing work environment
- o Ability to work well independently, and as a team, and able to develop effective working relationships with people from a variety of backgrounds.
- o Ability to work well under pressure.
- o Ability to lift 50+ pounds.