Job Announcement:
**Position Title:** Seasonal Field Technician

**Dates:** Early June 2023 through September 2023 (exact dates flexible) with average of 10-14 hours per week.

**Location:** Rogue Riverkeeper office, Ashland, OR and fieldwork at several locations in the Rogue basin, southwest Oregon.

**Employer:** Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center’s Rogue Riverkeeper Program, [www.rogueriverkeeper.org](http://www.rogueriverkeeper.org)

**Contact:** Frances Oyung, Program Director, frances@rogueriverkeeper.org 541-488-9831

**Position Summary:** The Seasonal Field Technician position for Rogue Riverkeeper’s Water Quality Monitoring Program is crucial in implementing our water quality monitoring of waterways in the Rogue basin. During the summer, Rogue Riverkeeper samples and tests for *E. coli* bacteria in local waterways to track long-term watershed health, inform the public as to where it is safe to recreate, and inform future management decisions. Rogue Riverkeeper's Water Quality Monitoring Program works in conjunction with multiple partner organizations to inform the public of where it is safe to recreate in the Rogue River Basin through the [Swim Guide](http://www.rogueriverkeeper.org) webpage. In its tenth season, the Water Quality Program has become a reliable source of information regarding recreation in waterways throughout the Rogue Basin.

The Seasonal Field Technician will work with Rogue Riverkeeper staff to implement and manage the summer water quality monitoring program. The primary tasks of the Technician will be to collect and analyze water samples, maintain and operate lab equipment, coordinate and manage volunteers, and communicate results to the public via our Swim Guide site & app. The Technician will receive training in all sample collection and lab procedures. This position requires a valid driver’s license and access to a private vehicle to use for field work. This position requires a significant amount of driving and time spent outdoors. Computer tasks can be done remotely. The Seasonal Field Technician must be consistent and reliable in their work and commitment to perform tasks. Additional responsibilities and duties may be available for the technician depending upon their interest, skills, and availability.

**Compensation:** Position is paid $17/hour and the Seasonal Field Technician will be reimbursed for mileage according to the current federal rate.

**Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):**

1. Perform weekly monitoring at streams, rivers, and other locations throughout the Rogue River Basin, southwest Oregon. Monitoring days are typically Tuesday through Thursday.
2. Sample collection and lab analysis of *E. coli* bacteria.
3. Enter and manage data into the database and Swim Guide site.
4. Coordinate and collect data from local partner organizations and enter into the Swim Guide database.
5. Perform equipment calibration, accuracy checks and maintenance.
6. Practice and follow quality assurance and quality control procedures.
7. Assist in training volunteers in field sampling methods.
8. Communicate and coordinate sample collection weekly with volunteers.
9. Answer public inquiries while working in the field and distribute Riverkeeper literature.
10. Represent Rogue Riverkeeper in a friendly and professional manner.

Requirements:

1. Must commit to a minimum of ten hours/week for at least 14 weeks June through September. Hours required week to week are somewhat flexible but expect to work a minimum of 8 hours per week Tuesday through Thursday, usually starting in the morning.
2. An interest and background in science. No degree required.
3. Must be able to hike on uneven ground in inclement weather.
4. Must be able to work outdoors independently and with limited oversight in remote areas under various weather conditions.
5. Must have good communication skills via email and phone as well as verbally.
6. Must be detail-oriented regarding equipment, field protocols, and data entry.
7. Must be able to swim and be cognizant of safety precautions when working near deep and/or moving water.
8. Must be willing to carry a cell phone at all times in the field.
9. Must be able to represent Riverkeeper in a friendly and professional manner.
10. Must have a valid driver’s license and own reliable transportation to collect field samples, and transport them to Rogue Riverkeeper’s Ashland, OR office.
11. Spanish speaking applicants will be prioritized.

Benefits:
This is a temporary part-time employee position. There are no health insurance or retirement benefits. Experience gained through this position will benefit persons looking to further a career in natural resources and field or lab sciences. Position hours can be applied to practicum or internship hours for school credit. Applicants are to make any arrangements for school credit with their own educational institution. No housing or vehicle is provided with this position.

Transportation Information: Technician required to have a valid driver’s license and have access to a reliable insured vehicle to complete tasks. The field technician is responsible for getting to the office and water quality lab in Ashland, and will need their own transportation for fieldwork. Rogue Riverkeeper will reimburse for mileage.

How to apply: Send an email to Frances Oyung at frances@rogueriverkeeper.org with a cover letter and resume together in a PDF format.

Application deadline: Friday, May 19, 2023 at 5PM

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