

# 2018 ODNR Division of Forestry Internships

- ODNR Division of Forestry (DOF) interns at **state forest units** complete a variety of essential tasks, primarily involving recreation and operational maintenance needs. Typical tasks include mowing, cleaning offices, gathering camper registrations, and trail monitoring and maintenance.
- Interns are also afforded opportunities to assist with **forest management functions**, which develop their understanding of the forestry profession and allow the division to examine their potential as future natural resource professionals. These experiences include assisting with state forest management projects, private lands forestry assistance, forest health surveys, and measuring trees nominated for Big Tree Program recognition.
- Intern assistance at the **Ohio State Fair** is also important to DOF because of the significant time commitment that's required to effectively coordinate DOF's activities and displays at the fair including Smokey Bear. DOF interns assist with continuity of shift changes, set-up and tear-down each day, as well as interacting with the public regarding DOF's displays.
- DOF internships provide many opportunities to learn, develop, and practice skills that will benefit students in their collegiate activities and their future careers. These skills include areas such as forest management, facility and grounds maintenance, customer service, organization, prioritization, leadership, self-motivation, working independently as well as part of a team, timeliness, confidentiality, reliability, and safety.

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