

SUMMER WORK OPPORTUNITY

Ohio Department of Agriculture

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) in cooperation with the USDA/Forest Service is looking for help in the field this summer placing pheromone traps for our biological survey of the gypsy moth. This program is an eleven state, federally sponsored project to collect data on the movement and population densities of the Gypsy Moth, *Lymantria dispar* (L).

The trappers will be responsible for constructing traps, placing traps in pre-designated locations, conducting mid-season inspections/data collection, and performing final trap pull/data collection. Data collection on trap placement and positive catches will be recorded on handheld GPS units, as well as on a paper backup form. Data will be downloaded weekly with crew leaders and submitted to Forest Service Data Base. A crew leader and ODA personnel will be available for support.

The trapping period is from May 18 to August 31, 2014. Equipment and supplies will be provided by ODA. Mandatory training is on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at the ODA campus in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, where you will be trained on all aspects of the work needed.

The person will be hired under a "Personal Service Contract." You will not be an employee of ODA but rather considered an independent contractor.

You will be paid by the trap as you complete each phase of the process. Trap prices range from \$18 to \$32 depending on terrain and grid spacing. 35% of the trap price will be paid once the trap is placed. 30% of the trap price will be paid after a midseason inspection is completed. And 35% of the trap price will be paid after the trap is pulled and final count is submitted. A discount will be applied to the price for poor performance. Since you will be an independent contractor, you will be responsible for paying all taxes. There are no benefits associated with this contract. Wages, travel, and misc. expenses are all calculated into the trap price. A 1099 IRS Form will be sent to you at the end of the year.

You must provide your own reliable transportation and insurance.

Qualifications:

- A) 18 years of age or older.
- B) Self-motivated and must be responsible.
- C) Have some experience with GPS units.
- D) Have some experience reading maps.
- E) Like working outdoors.

Resumes will be accepted April 7 through April 30th, 2014. Territories will be filled as qualified applicant resumes are received and interviewed. Please send your resume to the address below or if you have questions, use the contact information below.

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