Are you a fan of native plants? Or want to deepen your knowledge of prairie plants while helping nature? This role of Seed Harvester at Prairie Border and Ober Savanna in Jasper County is open to those experienced or enthusiastic about collecting seeds for future use on the property.

The Seed Harvester volunteer will learn the art and science of native seed work. Their skills and contributions allow staff to grow more plants and add more biodiverse native habitat to north-central Indiana.

This role will have opportunities for training and education on native plants, botany basics, tools, techniques, and more. Experience is appreciated but not required.

Time Commitment: 4+ hours a week
Day of Week: Open, choice and flexible
Start/End Date: June-October 2024
Location: Prairie Border and Ober Savanna, Jasper County

Duties may include:

- Collecting, cleaning, and sorting native plant seeds
- Cleaning and maintaining tools and equipment
- Operating machinery and/or power equipment with guidance from staff
- Working with staff in areas with uneven terrain, no electricity or plumbing
- Communicating with stewardship staff about prioritizing tasks
- Completing training as needed and requested by staff
- Tracking volunteer hours for inclusion in annual volunteer program reports

Desired experience or background:

- Interest in native plants and field work
- Willingness to learn plant ID and harvesting techniques
- Experience in seed harvesting a plus
- Comfortable working outside in sun, rain, and buggy weather
- Able to communicate with staff members and follow instructions
- Comfortable with working in a team setting

If you are interested in contributing your time and skills, please contact Esmé Barniskis at esme.barniskis@tnc.org.

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