

Data Collector for National Study of Neighborhood Parks

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The City Parks Alliance (CPA) in conjunction with the RAND Corporation is conducting a four-year study to determine the correlation between urban parks management and policies, and physical activity. This will be the first national observational, longitudinal study of neighborhood parks to observe park use in order to shape public policy on health promotion. The primary aims of the study are to identify and disseminate best practices.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

CPA seeks 4 temporary, part-time data collectors to observe and record physical activity data in 12 city parks in Dallas, TX. Data collection will occur in parks during the Spring 2014 for 3 non-contiguous hours/day for 4 days per park. Data collectors must be available in the morning, afternoon, and early evening during all days of the week (including Saturdays and Sundays) to conduct observations. Primary responsibilities will be to observe and record park activity as well as contextual conditions, interview park staff, and entering information into a provided handheld computer tablet.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be available to participate in webinar training in February 20th.
- Must be available to attend an all expense-paid training session March 13th-15th in Dallas, TX.
- Must have access to wireless Internet (e.g. at home, coffee shop)
- Must be familiar with Google Maps.
- Must have a flexible schedule to accommodate the data collection schedule.
- Must provide own reliable transportation to park locations.
- Must enjoy and be physically able to work outdoors, including walking and standing for long periods of time.
- Must be extremely punctual and highly attentive to details.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Team oriented and comfortable working in pairs or in small groups.
- Comfortable engaging with the public as a part of the data collection team.
- Experience collecting field research data.

COMPENSATION:

- This is a paid position and more details will be provided upon hiring.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send resume and cover letter describing relevant work experience to:
nsnp@cityparksalliance.org.

DEADLINE: January 31, 2014