

Indigenous Peyote Conservation Initiative



The IPCI is hiring a new Conservation Manager!

Are you committed to sustainability and health and the future of the Peyote Way of Life for the Indigenous people of the Americas? Are you experienced working with the plants and the earth? Are you able to be organized, coordinate others, and work in an inter-tribal context? Are you ready to move and live in the Sacred Peyote Gardens of South Texas?

IPCI is looking for an individual, couple, or small family to put their experience and commitment to work joining the Native American Churches, Azee' Bee Nahagha of Dine Nation, the Wixratica Nation and their Allies in conserving the sacred Peyote Medicine.



POSITION TITLE: **IPCI Conservation Manger**

ORGANIZATION: Indigenous Peyote Conservation Initiative (IPCI)

LOCATION: IPCI Spiritual Homesite 'the 605', Thomasville, Jim Hogg County, Texas

About IPCI:

The IPCI engages in diverse biocultural strategies for spiritual reconnection and restoration of Peyote, including land access and stewardship, youth education, peyote cultivation, and a system of harvest and distribution that is spiritually and culturally sound. This is an international collaborative, supporting tribes and efforts focused on sustainability and indigenous sovereignty of peyote across the Native American Church, the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.

Mission: Empowering indigenous communities to conserve, regenerate, and reconnect to their sacred Peyote medicine for spiritual use for generations to come.

Vision: We promote the health, wellbeing, and cultural revitalization of Native communities through reconnection to, sovereign use, and sustainability of the sacred Peyote and the lands on which it grows.

Purpose: IPCI an indigenous led, land-based initiative that directly supports the spiritual, ecological, cultural, economic, and sustainability issues related to the sacred plant medicine, Peyote and its ceremonial uses.

Conservation Manager Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's Degree or higher in a related field; encouraged but not required
- Member of Native American Church/ABNDN or Indigenous Peyote Tribe; encouraged but not required
- Love for Nature, the environment, the land
- Able to participate in design and creation of new activities and enterprises in collaboration with a diverse team
- Demonstrated leadership ability and able to be a community model for youth
- Physical ability to walk, lift and drive in the South Texas desert
- Able to have good relationships with diverse groups of people
- Able to maintain flexible and positive attitude
- Cultural sensitivity and awareness
- Conservation awareness, biology training, nursery background, landscaping or other demonstrated experience working with plants and soil
- Sober and willing to have a background check

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Operations Manager for the IPCI spiritual home ranch, known as 'the 605'
 - Help lead the site development of 'the 605'
 - Ecological monitoring on the 605
 - Pilgrimage coordinator and Onsite program coordinator for IPCI youth events and other related programs
 - Conduct permaculture development activities and serve as Nursery (Vivero) manager
 - Help manage budget for spiritual homesite activities
- S. Texas Regional Conservation Coordination
 - Help to develop and manage regional harvesting and distribution activities
 - Maintain relationships and support coordination with Ranchers and others participating in IPCI regional conservation leases
 - Attend IPCI Conservation Committee meetings and carry out and coordinate agreed upon conservation strategy tasks

Communication and Workflow:

- Weekly meeting with IPCI Initiative Director and share weekly work plan with Initiative Director
- Use appropriate time and project tracking methods as agreed upon with Initiative Director
- Conduct appropriate reporting to the IPCI Board of Directors as agreed upon with Initiative Director

Compensation:

- \$39,000 per year
- Free Lodging on 'the 605'
- Relocation expenses covered
- Additional training as needed

Please send questions, resume, and cover letter to

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