

WESTMORELAND COUNTRY CLUB



TURFGRASS TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP

History:

For more than a hundred years, Westmoreland Country Club has been among the most exclusive private clubs on the “famed” North Shore of Chicago. Originally designed by William Watson in 1911, Westmoreland has undergone a number of renovations over the years including work by A.W. Tillinghast, William Langford, and Arthur Hills. Since 2004, Westmoreland has made several improvements which include a new irrigation system, new USGA greens with precision-aire systems, and a wall-to-wall drainage system. In recent years, Westmoreland has worked closely with Shawn Smith of Hills•Forrest•Smith to restore the golf course to a character that is consistent with early 1900’s golf course architecture. This work included a complete bunker renovation using “Better Billy Bunker”, fairway expansions, squaring up tees, tree removals and the addition of fescue areas. A Long Range Master Plan has been developed by Shawn which includes greens expansions/regrassing, tree management/buffer enhancement, and fescue area additions. The Club is in the early stages of discussing the restoration of the 7th and 13th greens to their original punchbowl and redan styles to enhance the history and classic architecture of Westmoreland. Westmoreland’s maintenance operation continually introduces progressive ways to be among the best golf courses in the Chicagoland area.

Job Description:

The Westmoreland Country Club's Turfgrass Technician Apprenticeship Program will provide hands on experience for techs to learn all aspects of golf course workshop management, including but not limited to reel technology, gasoline and diesel engines with tier four on board computer systems, sprayer technology, preventative equipment maintenance program, and equipment/parts fabrication . Techs will play a key role in maintaining, diagnosing, and repairing an extensive equipment fleet. Technicians will work closely with the Equipment Technician and Golf Course Superintendent, often being delegated individual job responsibilities. Westmoreland will also work closely in obtaining his or her personal and professional needs in the Golf Course Industry.

Functions:

- Inspects, diagnoses, and repairs mechanical defects/failures in equipment including diesel-, electrical-, hydraulic-, and gasoline-powered, mowers and other mechanical equipment used in golf course maintenance work
- Communicates any needs or problems relating to maintenance or repair of equipment with the Equipment Technician
- Works with Equipment Technician in keeping a complete set of records for equipment and parts inventory purchases, equipment conditions, costs of repairs and preventive maintenance for all equipment
- Repairs and adjusts engines and cutting mechanisms on various heavy and light mowing equipment
- Keeps maintenance equipment fueled, oiled, and inspected; and performs related tasks as required
- Spot checks equipment for performance on the course, makes emergency repairs to equipment on the course, and services equipment prior to use
- Oversees shop maintenance area, maintaining a clean, safe service area and maintenance building
- Performs other duties as assigned

Employment Standards

- Skill in the use of a variety of equipment repair tools, and making of various types of repair tools
- Working knowledge of care/maintenance of gasoline/diesel engines
- Ability to read blueprints/manuals to assist in repairs
- Ability to move heavy objects – must be able to lift 50+ pounds
- Ability to work in a variety of weather conditions while repairing equipment
- Ability to fabricate necessary items for equipment and equipment maneuverability
- Ability to communicate effectively and keep business records
- Candidate will be required to work a varied schedule that may include evenings, nights, and weekends

Experience & Education Requirements

One-year certificate from college or technical school; or three to six months related experience preferred
Valid Driver's License

Authorized to work in the US
Willing to train the right applicant

Wage/Benefits:

Flexible starting dates are available. Temporary on-site housing may be available with Direct TV cable and internet, kitchen and utensils, and laundry. Uniforms, pro shop discount, golfing privileges, with an hourly rate of **\$15+ (DOE)** per hour with overtime.

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