OUTREACH NOTICE

PINE KNOT CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTER
DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST

PERMANENT FULL TIME POSITION

The Pine Knot Civilian Conservation Center in Pine Knot, KY is recruiting for the following position:

Counselor, GS-1740-09

Announcement #:

IMPORTANT NOTES:
The Guidance Counselor is involved in a professional counseling program for disadvantaged youth. The counseling approach utilized by the incumbent must reflect current methods and applications in the counseling field.

Assists students and subordinates in understanding the relevance of appropriate social and employability skills to workplace success. Promotes standards of conduct which are expected and accepted in the workplace. Participates in the Behavioral Management System as necessary to ensure proper workplace appearance and behavior.

This position is subject to applicant and random drug testing in accordance with USDA Department Regulation 4430-792-2.

DUTIES: (The duties described reflect the full performance level of this position)

Conducts initial counseling sessions, individual social history interviews, and needs assessment inventories with new students. Counsels participants in establishing career goals, available educational and training opportunities, and making appropriate plans. Interprets test results to determine interest areas and strengths and weaknesses of student aptitudes. Maintains a professional and timely counseling file on each student assigned. Provides behavior modification counseling to "at risk" youth.

Participates in staff training to include: new counseling techniques and methods, group counseling; and identification and assessment tools. Monitors the quality and effectiveness of the educational, vocational, and residential training components based on established and defined measures, and advises managers and staff members of findings. May teach courses in such areas as social skills or adult basic education. Conducts group counseling in structured group sessions. The incumbent takes an active role in suggesting discussion topics, identifying thematic problems or needs, providing information, giving advice, directing the groups' attention to possible alternatives to behaviors that have proven
ineffective in the past, and encouraging the group to explore effective and realistic alternatives for problem solving. Participates in the coordination of the Mental Health program, and meets regularly with the mental health consultant to discuss diagnosis and intervention as it pertains to those students identified as "at risk." Responsible for complying with safety instructions and regulations, ensuring individual’s safety, and promptly reporting unsafe acts, unsafe conditions, and accidents to supervisor and/or Center Safety Officer.

Performs other duties as assigned.

OUTREACH RESPONSE: (Please respond no later than 3/18/2014)

Interested applicants desiring further information should contact Allen Vaughn by phone at 606-354-4245 or email arvaughn@fs.fed.us. If you are interested in this position, please complete the Outreach Response Form and return it to the email address or fax number listed on the response form. Respondents will receive further instruction on the application process at the end of the outreach period. Those interested may review www.usajobs.com, the U.S. government’s official site for jobs and employment information.

HOW TO APPLY:

The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at: www.usajobs.com. Once the announcement is posted, all who responded to the outreach notice will be contacted by email to let you know what the vacancy announcement number will be for this position.

About the Pine Knot Job Corps Center:

The Center is located within the boundaries of the Daniel Boone National Forest, but is administered by the US Forest Service Job Corps National Office in Denver, Colorado. The Daniel Boone National Forest encompasses an area of approximately 692,536 acres, from Morehead, in northern Kentucky, to the Tennessee and Virginia border.

Offices on the Daniel Boone National Forest include:

Supervisor’s Office, Winchester, KY
London Ranger District, London, KY
Morehead Ranger District, Morehead, KY
Redbird Ranger District, Manchester, KY
Stanton Ranger District, Stanton, KY
Stearns Ranger District, Whitley City, KY
The Center has the following five organizational areas:

Administration
Counseling
Education
Residential Living
Vocation

Pine Knot Job Corps Center has been a training program that has served generations of young adults through intensive programs of education, vocational training, work experience and counseling since 1965. The basic responsibility of the Job Corps Program is to give America’s disadvantaged youth between the ages of 16 and 24 the opportunity to develop needed vocational skills and to earn an education. This contributes to their ability to more fully participate in the world of work and citizenship.

The Job Corps Mission is to create a safe, secure, supportive and clean environment for our students that is conducive to their accomplishing the maximum academic, vocational, social, and employability skills. This will enable them to obtain the tools necessary to be employable, productive, responsible members of society.

The Pine Knot Job Corps Center is located approximately 90 miles south of Lexington, KY and approximately 80 miles north of Knoxville, TN. The Center has the capacity to house and train 175 students. The Center is closely tied to the community to provide additional training opportunities for the students through an active work experience program.

Pine Knot offers training in the following career technical training fields:

Auto Mechanics
Construction Craft Laborers
Culinary Arts
Urban Forestry
Welding
Union Brick Masonry
Union Carpentry
Information Technology

Career Technical Training is accomplished through work experience training and classroom instruction. The length of the career technical training programs on Center varies, but, as a rule, each trade is approximately 800-1200 hours and length of stay is from 10 to 24 months.

Pine Knot offers a broad-based educational program. All students must participate in education as well as vocational training. Placement in education is based on tests administered upon entrance. This allows students to progress at a rate consistent with their abilities. Small classes provide individual attention throughout the program. Pine Knot is an accredited high school by the state of Kentucky. The Center awards high school diplomas as well as GED Certificates upon completion of the total academic and vocational training programs.
Three dormitories (one female, two male) housing 64 students each comprise the residential living quarters on Center. The Residential Living staff is responsible for maintaining the living area, providing social skills training and for providing a well-rounded recreational program.

About Pine Knot:

Pine Knot is located in a rural setting on Highway 27 in McCreary County, Kentucky. McCreary County has approximately 15,000 residents and consists mostly of forestlands and mountainous terrains. The basic economy is made up of several manufacturing companies, small individually owned businesses, logging, the local school system and the Job Corps Center. It is a small rural close-knit community.

There are many beautiful tourist attractions in McCreary County and the surrounding areas. Some include natural wonders such as Cumberland Falls State Park, Yahoo Falls and Natural Arch. There are several miles of developed trails, Blue Heron Mining Community, Big South Fork Recreation area, and many other activities and fun things to do.

The community around Pine Knot and McCreary County offers 3 motels, a motor lodge, a variety of fast food and family restaurants, a public library, several medical and dental facilities, two banks, a golf course, a senior citizen center, several volunteer fire departments, sheriff’s department, county and city offices, softball and baseball fields, and numerous churches of all denominations. Numerous shopping facilities are located within a 30 mile radius of the Center. Housing is available in the $40,000 to $80,000 range. Rentals are available on a somewhat limited basis with average rental costs of $250 to $500 per month. McCreary County also has a community technical college system, one central high school, two middle schools (grades 6-8), and four elementary schools (grades K-5).