

Athletic Field & Sports Complex Operations Intern Decatur County Parks and Recreation

Locations:

- Decatur County Youth Sports Complex
- Kohler Park (2 Dirt Baseball/Softball Diamonds)

Pay: \$15.00 per hour

Schedule: Approximately 30 hours per week

Term: Early May through Late July / Early August (Flexible based on academic calendar)

Reports To: Maintenance Supervisor

The Decatur County Youth Sports Complex is one of Southeast Indiana's premier youth baseball and softball venues, hosting league play, regional tournaments, and multi-day championship events throughout the spring, summer, and fall. The facility supports high-volume field usage and demands consistent, professional-quality turf and infield management. Kohler Park complements the complex with two active dirt diamonds serving local leagues and community programs. Interns gain experience maintaining heavily used athletic surfaces in a fast-paced tournament environment — providing valuable, real-world preparation for careers in sports turf management and athletic facility operations.

Primary Responsibilities

Turfgrass & Field Management

- Mow athletic fields using commercial zero-turn mowers
 - Perform trimming and edging around fences, dugouts, bleachers, and structures
 - Conduct seeding and overseeding projects
 - Assist with sod installation and turf repairs
 - Operate mechanical aerator for turf health and compaction management
 - Monitor turf wear patterns and field conditions
 - Assist with fertilizer and soil amendment applications (under supervision)
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Infield Management

- Drag and condition infields using a field groomer
 - Operate tractor for grounds projects
 - Transport mounds and mats and replace as needed
 - Repair base paths and high-traffic areas
 - Line and chalk fields for leagues and tournaments
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Sports Complex & Park Operations

- Assist with overall maintenance and upkeep of the Youth Sports Complex and Kohler Park
 - Maintain dugouts, bleachers, spectator areas, and common spaces
 - Trash removal and grounds cleanup
 - Facility inspections to ensure safety and cleanliness standards
 - Assist with minor repairs and general grounds projects
 - Support irrigation monitoring and drainage management
 - Help prepare facilities for daily play and large tournaments
 - Maintain Restroom and Facility Cleanliness
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Equipment Operation & Maintenance

Interns will gain hands-on experience operating:

- Commercial zero-turn mowers
- Tractor
- LitterKat Turf Sweeper
- Mechanical Aerator
- Utility vehicles
- Line strippers

Responsibilities include daily inspection, cleaning, fueling, and basic preventative maintenance of equipment.

Tournament & Event Support

- Prepare fields prior to competition
 - Ensure safe, professional-quality playing surfaces and facilities
 - Inspect Parking areas for cleanliness and trash
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Qualifications

- Currently enrolled in Turf Management, Agronomy, Sports Management, or related field.
 - Strong work ethic and attention to detail
 - Ability to work outdoors in varying weather conditions
 - Ability to lift 50+ lbs and not exceed 80 lbs.
 - Willingness to work early mornings and possible weekends during tournament season
 - Valid driver's license required
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What This Internship Offers

- Direct sports turf management experience
- Exposure to full sports complex operations
- Commercial grounds equipment operation
- Infield construction and mound management training
- Multi-site facility management experience
- Professional mentorship from the Maintenance Supervisor
- Resume-building experience in competitive athletic facility maintenance

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