

## **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.

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### **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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