Wild Utah Project
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Summer Field Ecology Internship

Overall Description:
Wild Utah Project has established itself over the past 25 years as a leading source of conservation science in Utah and surrounding regions. Our mission is to provide science-based strategies for wildlife and land conservation. We focus on promoting habitat connectivity, protecting species in conservation need, and restoring vital habitat. We work toward these goals by applying objective conservation science, establishing strategic partnerships, and facilitating community engagement.

The staff of Wild Utah Project consists of dedicated and skilled scientists, project managers, and communication specialists focused on advancing our mission. With an active board of directors and a growing base of hundreds of supporters and volunteers, Wild Utah Project is poised to significantly increase its impact and reach in the coming years to benefit wildlife and lands throughout the West.

In partnership with Utah State University Ph.D. candidate Marshall Wolf, we are seeking to hire a summer field intern on the Beaver Ecosystem Ecology Project at the Swaner Preserve in Park City, Utah on the ancestral lands of the Ute, Goshute, and Shoshone Peoples. The Intern will be responsible for assisting in ecological data collection, which includes fish, amphibians, and stream condition. The Intern may also provide support with data entry, literature reviews, and document production.

This position will involve extensive off trail hiking, long field days, and driving to sites. Candidates would need to commute daily to the Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter. A social distancing protocol will be utilized to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infection/spread.

Required Qualifications:
• Junior or senior majoring in biology, ecology, and/or other natural resource program at Utah State University
• Valid driver’s license, clean driving record and the ability to complete Utah State University’s defensive driving training prior to the start of employment
• This position is based out of the Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter in Kimball Junction / Park City, Utah area. Applicants must be able to commute daily to this site. Use of vehicle for field work (travel from the Swaner Preserve between field sites) will be reimbursed by Wild Utah Project at 0.58/mile.

Desired Qualifications:
• Willingness to work in backcountry settings and deal with terrain challenges such as off trail hiking, crossing swift creeks, wading through beaver ponds, and maneuvering around wood jams
• Willingness to work outdoors in variable conditions (cold, heat, snow rain, mosquitoes, flies, etc.)
• Willingness to camp outdoors overnight for multiple days (2 to 3 nights a month)
• Willingness to engage in discussions about diversity, equity, and inclusion
• Reliability, timeliness, and dedication to work tasks
• Ability to work and collaborate with a team
• Ability to problem solve on-the-fly

What you will practice and learn:
• How to gather ecological data in the field
• Electro-fishing and working with fish
• Identification of fish, amphibians, and insects of the Intermountain West
• Microsoft Word and Excel

**Schedule:** This will be a full-time position from late May through mid-August. The start and end dates are flexible to accommodate the Intern’s academic calendar.

**Salary:** The summer salary for this position will be $5,500 to $6,000 for the summer, depending on the number of weeks the Intern is able to devote to Wild Utah Project over the summer. The Intern will be paid through the USU Quinney College of Natural Resources. Wild Utah Project will cover all travel expenses to field sites (through reimbursement for mileage in Intern’s own vehicle) and meals while Intern is away in the field.

**Course Credits for your academic institution are possible.** Wild Utah Project can accommodate the applicant and Utah State University on a case-by-case basis.

**Application Procedure:** Send resume and cover letter by March 12, 2021. Attention: Janice Gardner (email preferred but hard copies will be accepted) Janice@wildutahproject.org. Wild Utah Project, 824 South 400 West, Suite B-117, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Interviews for selected applicants will be set up for early March, and the decision on the internship position will be made by the end of March.