**CONSERVATION INTERNSHIPS:**

We’re looking for two Conservation Interns to join the Swaner team for the summer.  We’re especially excited to meet motivated and enthusiastic applicants who enjoy working on a team, don’t mind a little (or sometimes a lot) of hard outdoor work, and have great attention to detail.

**Short description of internship duties:**

These intern positions will be involved with a wide range of activities and projects at the organization.  The interns will assist with conservation and restoration efforts on the Preserve as well as nature interpretation in the EcoCenter, at community events, and on the Swaner trails.

Duties will include:

-Assisting with a broad range of restoration projects such as stream restoration and the reintroduction of the Columbia spotted frog on Swaner Preserve

-Management of noxious weed species on the preserve including use of biocontrols, manual removal, and site monitoring.

-Working at the EcoCenter exhibit hall interacting with visitors, as well as assisting with guided Preserve tours and lectures.

-Creating interpretive materials to educate visitors and trail users about the Swaner Preserve

-Assisting with social media associated with conservation.

**What skills will the interns develop during the internship?**

During the course of this internship, the interns will experience a wide range of conservation projects and education programs, making these the perfect internships for students who want the opportunity to explore a variety of career options or refine their interests in the environmental or non-profit field.

-The interns will gain hands-on experience in implementation of restoration and land management projects.

-The interns will gain an understanding of the complex issues surrounding community conservation including local partnerships, conservation easements, and recreational use.

-The interns will also develop outreach and interpretations skills, enabling them to effectively communicate and teach about the natural world.

-The intersn will learn about non-profit organizations and management, the day to day operations of a community center, and the many facets of USU Extension work.

There are two internships available, both of which are paid at $12/ hr.  One internship has a total budget of $3,000 and the other internship has a budget of $4,000 for the summer.

To apply, email nell.larson@usu.edu and Brittany.ingalls@usu.edu with your resume and a cover letter explaining your interest in the position and highlighting your relevant experience and/or coursework.