



Opening for a Utah Organizer

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) is hiring a full-time Utah Outreach Organizer in Salt Lake City. Interested applicants should email a cover letter (one page) explaining how they match the qualifications, a resume, a writing sample (original work), and 2 references to Dave Pacheco at dave@suwa.org. Please include the words “Utah Outreach Organizer” and your name in the subject line. The deadline for submission is Dec. 31.

Reports to: Organizing Director

SUWA’s mission is to permanently protect the wilderness quality public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management within the state of Utah.

Job Description Summary:

The Utah Outreach Organizer coordinates community outreach, educates, recruits and supports volunteer activists and leaders interested in protecting Utah’s red rock wilderness.

The organizer is a flexible team player who plans and implements organizing activities within Utah, building from and growing the base established on the Wasatch Front, and develops and maintains a network of supporters across the state. The organizer identifies and supports leaders and activists emerging from the network who will promote protections and engage with decision makers within Utah.

Qualifications:

- Passion for public lands protection.
- Excellent public speaking and listening skills.
- Self-directed, self-motivated, organized; able to work in a team and independently.
- Ability to start, build and manage relationships. Likes talking with people.
- Understanding of power dynamics impacting wild lands protection campaigns.
- Commitment to, and ability to communicate the need for, protecting wilderness landscapes, for their ecological, spiritual and intrinsic values, and within the context of climate change.
- Skilled/comfortable with Microsoft, Zoom, Google Docs and social media.
- Willingness to work flexible hours.
- Previous organizing experience preferred.
- A four-year college degree is helpful but not required.

Responsibilities Include:

- Build and sustain a network of Utah leaders and activists to Protect Wild Utah. Motivate leaders and activists into actions targeting Utah elected officials.
- Hone activist's public speaking skills. Identify key media visibility opportunities and work with activists to write and submit timely and effective Letters to the Editor and Opinion commentaries.
- Coordinate, interview, hire and supervise SUWA's organizing-outreach internship program. Three students annually, one per semester.
- Coordinate SUWA's participation in festivals, fairs and other community events across the state. Recruit and train volunteer activists to educate and engage the interested public in redrock wilderness issues. Manage materials for events.
- Represent SUWA as an educational guest speaker in university classrooms and in the greater community. Identify interested students and individuals and motivate them to engage in activism to Protect Wild Utah. Respond to requests and actively prospect for opportunities to speak.
- As needed, engage interested volunteers and activists as field advocates to support SUWA's on-the-ground issues in southern Utah. Teach and explain techniques to effectively submit comments during open comment periods.
- Identify, organize and manage SUWA's lawn sign distribution across Utah.
- Represent SUWA's outreach-organizing interests in relevant coalition partner events, rallies and protests.
- Other responsibilities as assigned by the Executive and Organizing Directors.

The base salary for this position is \$48,500-\$58,000 DOE. Total cash compensation is \$52,785 to \$62,617. Benefits include paid health insurance, a 3.5% contribution to a 403b plan, 14 paid holidays, 3 weeks of vacation to start, and other benefits. (Benefits begin after a 60-day probation period.) Currently the position is a blending of in-office and at-home work time.

SUWA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the outstanding wilderness at the heart of the Colorado Plateau, and the management of these lands in their natural state for the benefit of all Americans. SUWA promotes local and national recognition of the region's unique character through research and public education; supports both administrative and legislative initiatives to permanently protect Colorado Plateau wild places within the National Park and National Wilderness Preservation Systems, or by other protective designations where appropriate; builds support for such initiatives on both the local and national level; and provides leadership within the conservation movement through uncompromising advocacy for wilderness preservation. The lands we work to protect are the ancestral homelands of many Tribes. We are committed to expanding present-day collaboration with our Tribal neighbors.

SUWA is committed to workplace diversity and inclusion. SUWA is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in hiring or employment on the basis

of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law.