



Job Announcement

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Conservation Education Resource Assistant

APPLY BY: **July 6, 2018**

Address: 6944 South 3000 East, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121

The Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) in partnership with the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest is advertising a **Conservation Education Resource Assistant (RA)**. This is a 6 month (24 weeks) full-time work experience from approximately May through October 2017. The Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) is Utah's award-winning, and nationally-recognized statewide Conservation Corps headquartered in Logan, Utah at Utah State University's main campus. The UCC has been Utah's largest environmental AmeriCorps program since 2001, completing service work on public lands, in communities, and with various organizations throughout the state. UCC will recruit and hire the selected RA candidate providing personnel and Human Resources (HR) needs during the placement. <https://ucc.usu.edu/>

If you have questions about this Resource Assistant Internship, please contact the Forest Service Interpretation Program Manager, Nancy Brunswick, nbrunswick@fs.fed.us, 801-625-5456, or the UCC at sean.damitz@usu.edu, 435-797-0964.

The Position

The Forest Service partners with the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation to provide the visiting public with information at the Public Lands Information Center (PLIC) in Salt Lake City, UT and programs at Silver Lake Visitor Center in Big Cottonwood Canyon. The trail around the lake and its associated wetlands is about a mile long, most of it along a wheelchair accessible boardwalk. Many families from the Salt Lake area come up to the center on warm days to enjoy a walk around the boardwalk or an area trail. This and many other popular, family-friendly destinations are a beautiful place to hike during the hot summer months of July and August when the mountain wildflowers burst into bloom. Other partnerships between the Forest Service and volunteer groups like the Salt Lake Climbers Alliance, Utah Conservation Corps, or individuals who want to maintain or improve the environmental conditions, recreation infrastructure, or public information services create a dynamic and engaged work environment.

Assignments for this intern during their entire experience would include:

- Work with volunteers and volunteer groups on a variety of projects, to support and coordinate the volunteers with partner groups.
- Work with Cottonwood Canyon Foundation (CCF) on various educational and interpretive programs provided to local schools, the local community and the visiting public both in the center and on the trails. This would include planning and delivering new projects as well as participating in ones already developed.
- Provide information for the public about the local area, answering phones and hand out information.

Program Benefits

- \$15.00/hour and access to USU health care plan if working full-time hours, workers compensation, and FICA/Medicare.
- RA will have special Federal Government Direct Hire Authority upon completion of the position where a minimum of 960 hours is served (hiring authority is good for up to 2 years).

Position Requirements

- A background in education, recreation management, interpretation, or landscape ecology. Formal or informal experiences with teaching or public programming in history, natural resources, or a related field is preferred.
- Upper level or recent college graduate.
- Valid driver's license and good driving record. Position may involve driving a government vehicle.
- Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Regular and reliable attendance and dependability.
- Strongly prefer experience developing and conducting inquiry-based programs.
- Prefer experience working with the general public and children in indoor and outdoor settings.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent organizational and computer skills.
- An independent, self-motivated, creative, and resourceful individual able to work with diverse groups of people.
- A cooperative manner and the ability to serve as part of a team, but the ability to work independently.
- Work a flexible schedule, including some evenings and weekends.
- Ability to commit to the full term of service.

About the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, with headquarters in Salt Lake City, is where civilization meets the "wild." Metropolitan areas and communities bordering the forest make up some of the fastest growing areas in the Intermountain West. One of the largest and busiest forests in the National Forest System, quick, convenient access is available to forest visitors year-round - making the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache an intensely used destination spanning backyard to backcountry. Roads and trails lead visitors to natural settings and spectacular vistas with fresh water and clean air. In winter, the "Greatest Snow on Earth" draws people from around the world. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/uwcnf>

Community Information: <https://www.visitsaltlake.com/>

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Application Instructions Below

Application Deadline: July 6, 2018

Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.

Type of position: Internship

Service Dates July – December 2018

Length of Term: 120 days

How to apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to BOTH contacts listed below. Submit via email with the SUBJECT LINE: UWC Conservation Education RA.

Nancy Brunswick, USFS Interpretation Program Manager

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Sean Damitz, UCC Director

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