



Conservation and Outreach Internship- Summer 2026

Compensation: starting at \$16/ hour, commensurate with experience.

Schedule: 3 weekdays per week, avg. between 20-28 hours per week. May-August/September

Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter, located in Park City, Utah, is seeking interns for the Summer 2026 season to be involved with a wide range of activities and projects. This person will assist with conservation and restoration efforts on the Preserve as well as nature interpretation and outreach at community events, Swaner events, and on the Swaner trails. This person will report to the Director of Conservation. Duties will include:

- Assisting with a broad range of land management and habitat restoration projects such as monitoring of nest boxes, maintenance and installation of restoration plantings, trail camera deployment and monitoring, and management of noxious weed species on the Preserve including physical removal.
- Assisting with guided Preserve tours, events, and leading restoration volunteer groups. Creating interpretive materials to educate visitors and trail users about the Swaner Preserve. Using other skills to further the Swaner mission, such as assisting with social media or website content associated with their work.

Candidates must have a positive attitude, be willing to learn, work well as part of a team, and enjoy working outdoors in a variety of environments and weather conditions. Candidates must be professional in interactions with staff, volunteers, and the public as a representative of USU Extension and the Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter. Candidates professional, academic, and lived experience will be taken into consideration during the hiring process. Candidates should support and help create a respectful workplace culture where all are welcome.

During the course of this internship, the intern will experience a wide range of conservation projects and outreach opportunities, making this the perfect internship for a student or recent graduate who wants the opportunity to explore a variety of career options or refine their interests in the environmental or non-profit field.

This intern will gain hands-on experience in restoration and land management projects and plant and wildlife identification. They will gain an understanding of the complex issues surrounding community conservation including local partnerships, conservation easements, and recreational use. The intern will also develop outreach and interpretation skills, enabling the intern to effectively communicate and teach about the natural world. The intern 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.

Interested candidates can **learn more and apply** [here](#).

Questions? Contact Rhea Cone, Director of Conservation, at rhea.cone@usu.edu or 435-797-8956.

Housing is not available with this position. Start and ending dates are flexible and can be discussed during the interview process.

Review of materials will be on a rolling basis, application period closes **March 1, 2026**.