

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Job Description

The San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA) seeks to hire a full-time Community Education Specialist to help deliver SJMA's conservation education and public lands stewardship programming and make SJMA programming more accessible to and inclusive of underrepresented communities in Southwest Colorado. This is a unique opportunity for the right candidate to help connect local communities to their public lands through outdoor education and stewardship and break down barriers that prevent underrepresented communities from accessing public lands. This position will work under the supervision of SJMA's Education Program Director to deliver programming and conduct outreach to underserved communities. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated experience (i) delivering outdoor education programming to diverse groups of youth and (ii) conducting outreach or delivering programming to underrepresented communities. Some experience with public lands stewardship is preferred. This is a temporary position beginning in April 2021 and funded through November 2021 with the possibility of becoming a permanent full-time position dependent on job performance and available funding.

Background

SJMA empowers visitors and locals to explore, learn about, and protect the spectacular public lands of Southwest Colorado. Founded in 1988, SJMA is a nonprofit cooperating (or interpretive) association for the San Juan National Forest and Rio Grande National Forest. The position will be based out of La Plata or Montezuma County working remotely to start with the possibility of office space to be provided in Dolores, Colorado or Durango, Colorado.

Key Responsibilities

This individual will work under the supervision of SJMA's Education Program Director and in coordination with other SJMA staff to achieve the following objectives:

- work in the field to deliver outdoor education and public lands stewardship programming as part of the SJMA Education team;
- as conditions permit, provide programming at local schools;
- lead SJMA's efforts to recruit youth program participants from underserved communities in the region;
- assist with the delivery of summer camp and alternative spring break programming;
- work closely with SJMA's Education Program Director, Curriculum Coordinator, and other SJMA staff to schedule and deliver high-quality standards-based lessons throughout Southwest Colorado;

- Under the supervision of SJMA's Conservation Director, implement youth stewardship and other volunteer stewardship projects on local public lands;
- Lead SJMA's local efforts to build enduring relationships with underrepresented communities and connect those communities to SJMA programming;
- Contribute to SJMA events and fundraisers; and
- Assist with fundraising efforts, invoicing, and grant reporting as needed.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree;
- Experience as an outdoor educator and/or science educator;
- Demonstrated experience working in underrepresented communities;
- Ability to effectively work with diverse communities and youth, including tribal communities;
- Preference will be given to candidates with existing relationships and demonstrated work experience with local tribal communities;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, demonstrated interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work effectively with all kinds of people;
- Attention to detail;
- Familiarity with public lands conservation issues and a strong commitment to the protection of Southwest Colorado's natural and cultural resources; and
- A valid Colorado Driver's License is required as well as a good driving record. A personal vehicle will be used on occasion, with mileage reimbursement consistent with SJMA policy.

Compensation

Hourly pay is commensurate with qualifications and experience. If position is made permanent, benefits will include paid PTO, health insurance reimbursement program and the possibility for small annual retirement contribution match.

To Apply

Those interested in the position are asked to submit a resume and letter of interest demonstrating their qualifications for the position. The cover letter should succinctly describe the applicant's interest and suitability for the position, and other pertinent facts that may not appear in the resume.

No phone calls please. SJMA is an equal opportunity employer.

Please send to SJMARESUMES@gmail.com