

**Environmental Education Internship – Summer 2018**  
**Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter, Park City, UT**

**SWANER PRESERVE  
AND ECOCENTER**  
**Utah State University**

**Organization Information**

Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter is a 1,200 acre nature preserve and education center in Park City, UT. It encompasses 800 acres of wetlands, 400 acres of uplands, and a 10,000 square foot LEED Platinum certified “green” visitor’s center. The mission of Swaner is “Preserve, Educate, Nurture.” We aim to preserve the land, educate the community about the value of nature, and nurture both the ecosystem and the human connection to it. Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter is a part of Utah State University.

Fostering the delicate relationship between people and nature is at the heart of managing the Preserve. It is nestled in an area with expanding development and plays an increasingly important role in the area’s water quality and quantity, is home to a wide variety of wildlife, and offers 10 miles of recreational trails that are among Park City’s most heavily used. Swaner aims to balance the needs of the native ecosystem with those of our community. We believe that the health and beauty of the natural landscape heightens our quality of life.



Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter also offers a wide range of education programs for both youth and adults. Youth programs reach thousands of children per year and focus on science, environmental issues, and developing a sense of appreciation for and responsibility toward our environment. Youth education programs offered include field trips, classroom visits, camps, birthday parties, and more. Additionally, Swaner offers a monthly series of adult programs consisting of lectures and walks focused on local floral and fauna, emerging environmental issues, and the local ecosystem.

**Internship Information**

Swaner is offering two paid 30 hour per week internship during Summer 2018 (May through August). The education interns will assist in a wide variety of educational programs that take place both on the Swaner Preserve and in the EcoCenter. The delegated projects will include the planning and facilitation of educational programs at the Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter. In the summer of 2018, the education interns will be involved in the following:

- Assist in developing, planning, and leading summer camp programs at Swaner
- Develop camp curriculum, and help create and develop educational material
- Act as lead instructor during camps, managing 12 to 16 campers and 2 to 5 high school counselors
- Co-lead other educational programs that occur during the summer, including public outreach events and activities, adult education, etc.

This internship will provide the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of responsibilities critical to the operation of a non-profit education program. Interns will have additional opportunities to learn about nonprofit administration, fundraising, marketing, and more.

**Desired Qualifications**

- A commitment to outdoor education and/or conservation
- The ability to work in a self-motivated and independent manner
- An outgoing, optimistic, and can-do attitude
- A desire to work with youth
- Basic proficiency with Microsoft Office products
- Coursework relevant to the fields of environmental education, conservation, science education, outdoor leadership, etc.
- Ability to speak Spanish is a plus
- Must be able to pass a background check



**Instructions to Applicant**

For questions and interest in the education internship, please contact Katherine Veeder, Education Director, at katherine.veeder@usu.edu or 435-797-8942. To apply, please visit the USU job board posting [<https://usu.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobid=3103>.]