



RECREATION USE AND EDUCATION INTERN

INTERN APPLICATION | UTAH OPEN LANDS

This is an unpaid internship that runs from May 12th, 2025 to August 1st, 2025.* To apply for this internship, please complete the application below and email it to info@utahopenlands.org with the subject line "Recreation Use and Education Intern Application" alongside your resume.

*We offer some flexibility in start and end dates for internships, if this internship date range conflicts with your schedule, potential accommodations can be discussed during the interview process.

DESCRIPTION

Utah Open Lands (UOL) is seeking an enthusiastic and knowledgeable student to help educate and survey outdoor recreationists on sustainable practices at Utah Open Lands properties. Intern will be in charge of thoughtfully planning, surveying and cataloging trail user information. Intern will also assist the Director of Community Engagement in creating and distributing educational outreach materials to trail users.

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

We are a nationally accredited 501(c)3 non-profit land trust organization. Our organization was founded in 1990 and over the past 33 years we have protected over 64,000 acres of open space across 120 conservation easements across the state of Utah. Based in Salt Lake City, UT, our mission is to preserve, protect, and steward open space in order to maintain Utah's natural heritage and quality of life for present and future generations. This is achieved by assisting private landowners, government agencies, and communities in the voluntary preservation of the agricultural, scenic, recreational, historic, and wildlife values of open land.

TITLE

Recreation Use and Education Intern

LOCATION

The Utah Open Lands office is located at 1488 S Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT, 84115. Field work locations vary but generally take place in Salt Lake City or Park City.

TIME COMMITMENT

Part-time, flexible schedule, an average of 15 hours per week which includes office and field work. Internship runs from May 12th, 2025 to August 1st, 2025.

BENEFITS

Although unpaid, this internship provides firsthand knowledge of land trust operations. UOL will work with interns to support requirements to earn academic credit through their educational institution. See Learning Objectives below for the specific skills/experience that this position will offer.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Will learn how to engage with a wide range of trail users.
- Will learn how to effectively design surveys to collect data from trail users.
- Will learn to effectively present data collected to make organizational recommendations.
- Will improve verbal communication skills through stewardship education.
- Will improve written communication skills through the creation of educational outreach materials.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support, educate, and engage with community partners and trail users
- Table at trailheads and direct flow of trailhead traffic
- Facilitating conflict resolution among public trailhead users.
- Assist at volunteer, stewardship, and community engagement events as necessary
- Contribute to environmental curriculum, educational outreach materials, and sustainable practices
- Create surveys for trail users
- Educate users about iNaturalist
- Catalog trail use via surveys (mountain bikers/hikers/dogs/etc)
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

- A passion for land conservation and the ability to represent Utah Open Lands to landowners, partners, and the public.
- Comfortable with public speaking.
- Preferred familiarity with Leave No Trace principles.
- Preferred education in the field of Botany, Conservation Biology, Ecology, Environmental Studies, Environmental Sciences, Natural Resources, Sociology, Education or related discipline.
- Equivalent paid or volunteer work experience is accepted in lieu of educational experience.
- Ability to work and travel independently to field locations Ability to work outdoors in variable weather conditions, including the ability to walk moderate distances through varying terrain and vegetation.
- Analytical thinking and reasoning skills as well as excellent problem-solving skills. Strong communication and organizational skills, with attention to detail.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work with others.
- Ability to take initiative, juggle multiple priorities, and perform follow-up.
- Willingness to use personal cell phone on the job.
- Valid Driver's License and access to a personal vehicle.*

*Intern will be reimbursed for travel to field locations and/or events based on mileage traveled.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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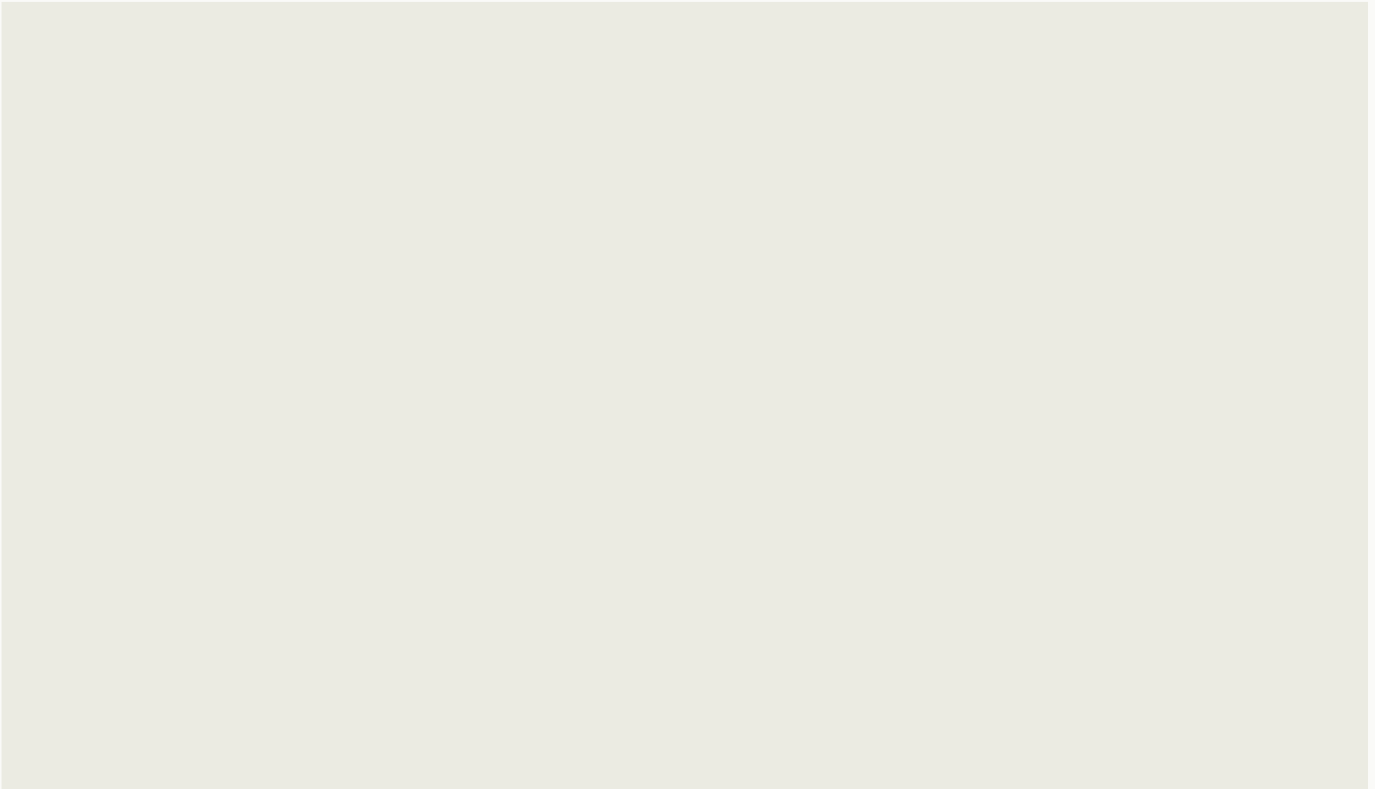
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Name	:		Home Number	:	() - -
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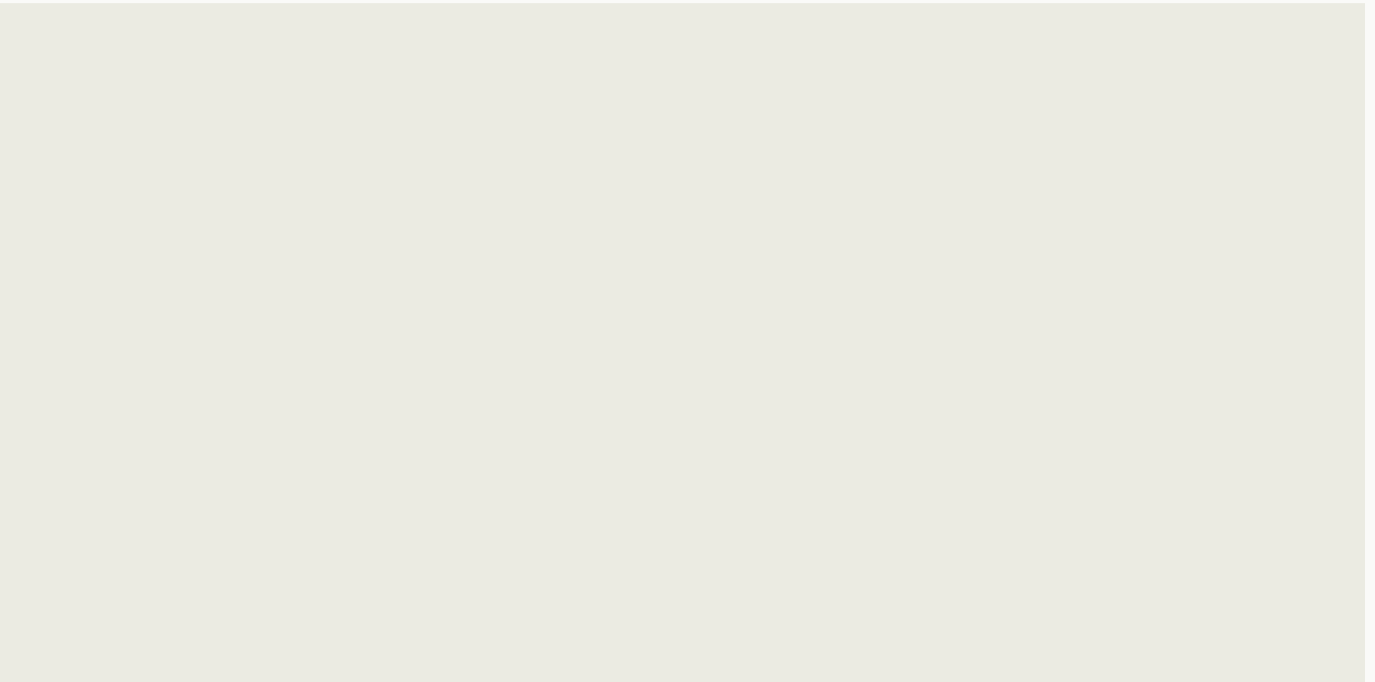
PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY AVAILABILITY CONCERNS, ALTERNATIVE JOBS, ETC.

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR RELEVANT WORK AND/OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR INTEREST IN UTAH OPEN LANDS



IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?



FOR MORE INFORMATION Please visit Utah Open Lands' website at UtahOpenLands.org or, email info@utahopenlands, or call 801-463-6156.