



Opening for a Midwest Organizer

Title: Midwest Field Organizer

Location: Salt Lake City (a remote location in the Midwest may be considered upon demonstrated success working remotely).

Reports to: Organizing Director

Status: Full-time, exempt

Salary: \$48,500 - \$58,000 (DOE, 0 – 6 years) – see below for benefits

Start Date: September 13, 2023

Submission Deadline: August 2, 2023

Interested applicants should email a cover letter (one page) explaining how you match the qualifications, a resume, a writing sample (original work, 1-3 pages), and two references to Jenny Holmes Jenny@suwa.org. Please include the words “Midwest Organizer” and your name in the subject line.

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SUWA’s mission is to permanently protect the wilderness quality public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management within the state of Utah.

Job Description Summary:

The Midwest Field Organizer coordinates community outreach, educates, recruits and supports volunteer activists and leaders interested in protecting Utah’s red rock wilderness.

The organizer is a flexible team player who plans and implements activities, building from and growing the base established in Midwestern states, and develops and maintains a network of supporters across the region. The organizer identifies and supports leaders and activists, cultivates allies, builds grassroots power, and engages with decision makers.

Events are in-person and online; travel is required.

Qualifications:

- Passion for public lands protection.
- Excellent public speaking and listening skills.
- Self-directed, self-motivated, organized; able to work in a team and independently.
- Ability to start, build and manage relationships. Likes talking with people.
- Understanding of power dynamics impacting wild lands protection campaigns.

- Commitment to and ability to communicate the need for protecting wilderness landscapes for their ecological, spiritual and intrinsic values within the context of climate change and mass extinction crises.
- Skilled/comfortable with Microsoft, Zoom, Google Docs and social media.
- Willingness to work flexible hours.
- Willingness to travel roughly 30% of the year; valid drivers license required.
- Previous organizing experience preferred.
- A four-year college degree is helpful but not required.

Responsibilities Include:

- Build and sustain a network of Midwest leaders and activists.
- Motivate and prepare leaders and activists for actions targeting decision makers.
- Represent SUWA as an educational guest speaker at organizations, universities, etc. Respond to requests and actively prospect for opportunities to speak.
- Assist in planning and implementing national grassroots gatherings.
- Other responsibilities as assigned by the Executive and Organizing Directors.

Salary \$48,500 - \$58,000 depending on experience. Includes paid health insurance, a 3.5% contribution to a 403b plan, 14 paid holidays, 3 weeks of vacation to start, and other benefits. (Benefits begin after a 60-day probation period.) When based in Salt Lake the position is a blending of in-office and at-home work time.

SUWA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the outstanding wilderness at the heart of the Colorado Plateau, and the management of these lands in their natural state for the benefit of all Americans. SUWA promotes local and national recognition of the region's unique character through research and public education; supports both administrative and legislative initiatives to permanently protect Colorado Plateau wild places within the National Park and National Wilderness Preservation Systems, or by other protective designations where appropriate; builds support for such initiatives on both the local and national level; and provides leadership within the conservation movement through uncompromising advocacy for wilderness preservation. The lands we work to protect are the ancestral homelands of many Tribes. We are committed to expanding present-day collaboration with our Tribal neighbors.

SUWA is committed to workplace diversity and inclusion. SUWA is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in hiring or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law.