

Employer: Colorado Trout Unlimited

Position: River Cleanup Intern

Office Location: Denver

Supervisor: Stephanie Scott

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Organization Overview:

Colorado Trout Unlimited is Colorado's leading fisheries conservation organization with a mission to conserve, protect, and restore coldwater streams and their watersheds. CTU has state offices located in Denver and 24 local chapters throughout Colorado. CTU's focus is on effective grassroots advocacy for river conservation, coupled with on-the-ground volunteer efforts that directly contribute to stream habitat improvement and native trout restoration.

Position Summary:

This is a six month non-paid internship opportunity through Colorado Trout Unlimited. The time requirement is 10-20 hours of work per week depending on the academic credit agreement between CTU and your college. The River Cleanup Intern will work with our 24 chapters across the state and other partnering organizations to organize and plan their community river cleanups.

The Position Work Plan Includes:

River cleanups are a great way to raise the community profile of both Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) and our chapters across CO. While there are many logistics to cover for each clean up the rewards for the river, CTU, the chapter and the community are well worth it. The aquatic and riparian habitat that most of our wildlife depends on is made cleaner and more livable. And people who have never really looked closely at the river see things they've never seen before. The community takes more pride and ownership in their river. There are strong education opportunities and conservation messages that all participants can take part in during each cleanup. This position will provide intern with exposure to professional development opportunities, connections with other conservation non-profits, exposure to state and federal agencies, and when appropriate intern will accompany staff at meetings to learn more about partnership building and project planning.

Duties include:

Intern will work with each chapter to help them manage the logistics of their river cleanups. Some logistics include, but are not limited to:

- Location, date and time of event
- Volunteer management and ensuring safety of participants
- Working with other local organizations or entities to help provide food, trash cleanup, tools, supplies, planting materials (if applicable), and more.
- Manage and update river cleanup events on the Great Colorado River Cleanup website. This includes updating cleanup information before the cleanup occurs and posting stats for each of the cleanups after.

- Volunteer Recruitment- Help chapters recruit volunteers through the Great Colorado River Cleanup website and other resources. Intern will also use the website to build volunteer list for other projects around the state.
- Develop Materials- Help chapters develop materials for the day of the cleanup. These materials include educational handouts, record keeping documents, photo release forms and more.
- For cleanups that require vegetation or plant removal intern will work with local experts on what vegetation will be removed depending on the ecosystem and health of the river. If planting is required then intern must work with local ecologist to identify which plants are being planted and get those plants approved.
- Help promote the cleanups through media, local news papers, online outlets, social media and the Great Colorado River Cleanup website.
- Keep detailed records on each cleanup for future planning and grant proposals

Other Duties:

Intern will participate in other areas of work when necessary. Attending chapter meetings, board meetings or staff meetings may be required.

Develop relationships with other organizations, local and state agencies and other groups as needed. Represent TU's mission in all partnerships developed.

Intern will assist conservation staff on other projects if there is a need and if all other responsibilities are covered.

Qualifications:

Must currently be enrolled at a higher education institution. Areas of study include: Environmental Studies, Environmental Science, Biology, Ecology, Water Studies, Wildlife or Fisheries Management or closely related area of study that have a focus on conservation.

Minimal travel will be required for this position. Intern must have their own form of transportation and a valid driver's license.

Salary Range:

This is a non paid internship opportunity. TU will work with your college or university to provide academic credit for the internship placement.

Travel will be reimbursed based on mileage.

How to apply: Send resume and cover letter to Stephanie Scott at sscott@tu.org. Please include when you are available to start work in your cover letter.