

Position Announcement

Coastal Programs Coordinator (full time) Mississippi Wildlife Federation

The Mississippi Wildlife Federation (MWF) is the largest network of conservationists in the state, comprised of hunters, anglers, hikers, boaters, bird watchers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Since 1946, MWF has worked to protect Mississippi's natural resources and wildlife legacy by informing, inspiring and involving people of all ages.

MWF is seeking a motivated individual to represent the programs and advocacy efforts of MWF along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The person selected for this position will be responsible for the management, development and delivery of MWF coastal programs as well as representing the Federation at various meetings and events throughout Mississippi and beyond. This employee will be part of a highly engaged team of MWF staff and volunteers dedicated to the conservation of Mississippi's coastal natural resources and the protection of our wildlife legacy. The primary duties of the position will be centered around (but not limited to) an ongoing campaign to engage sportsmen/women in the restoration of Gulf ecosystems through oil spill recovery funding as well as the coordination and continued development of MWF's Habitat Stewards volunteer program.

Description

Coastal Outreach (50%)

The selected applicant will engage the sportsman community in ongoing restoration efforts related to the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster. The coordinator will work with hunters, anglers, sportsmen's groups, businesses and other conservation organizations to advocate for and support restoration projects that have a direct impact on coastal natural resources and recreation. The selected applicant will focus on recruitment and advocacy along the Mississippi Gulf Coast but will also work with the Vanishing Paradise Program of the National Wildlife Federation on region-wide Gulf recovery initiatives. The coordinator will be responsible for developing outreach materials, website and social media postings, as well as Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces for newspapers and other periodicals. This person will develop a presence among the sporting community through tabling at sporting tradeshows, restoration/recovery meetings, fly-ins, and other outreach events for outdoor journalists and key decision-makers.

The Coastal Programs Coordinator will be responsible for developing and maintaining key relationships among influential individuals within the hunter/angler community, among industry and business leaders and among elected or appointed representatives with the ultimate goal of developing a network of contacts that can influence decisions and policy at higher levels. The coordinator will also be responsible for developing a grassroots network of volunteers through the MWF Camo Coalition advocacy program who will take action on Gulf recovery efforts when called upon.

Habitat Stewards (50%)

The MWF Coastal Programs Coordinator will also be responsible for the oversight and development of the Mississippi Habitat Stewards (HS) program – an ecology-based volunteer program wherein

volunteers receive 24 hours of coastal ecological training in exchange for 100 hours of volunteer service for the improvement of coastal habitats. The selected candidate will be responsible for the recruitment of new volunteers through advertising, networking and promotion. The coordinator will also organize training classes including topic instructors, necessary materials and field locations for each class. After training, the coordinator will work with coastal natural resource management agencies and other conservation organizations to develop partnerships and plans of work for HS volunteers including matching volunteers with projects that reflect their interests and abilities. This person will also be responsible for maintaining a HS volunteer database containing contact information and hours logged during work projects.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in natural resource management, fish and wildlife ecology or related field is preferred
- Minimum of two years of relevant work experience in natural resources management, communications or relevant field
- Must be familiar with conservation issues related to Mississippi Gulf Coast including oil spill recovery/restoration as it relates to hunting/angling interests
- Strong background and interest in hunting/angling is helpful
- Ability to work and develop programs independently as well as work with a team on larger efforts
- Strong written and oral communication skills are required
- Ability to organize volunteers towards individual projects as well as larger advocacy campaigns
- Working knowledge of all aspects of Microsoft Office programs
- Experience with conservation advocacy and conservation issues
- Experience in working with a diversity of conservation volunteers, constituents and organizations
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to develop and maintain relationships among targeted constituencies

Travel

This position will require frequent travel along the Mississippi Gulf Coast to meetings with constituents and various leaders, oil spill recovery updates and seminars, Habitat Stewards classes and field trainings and trade shows and other outreach events. Some overnight and weekend travel will be required.

Compensation and Benefits

Competitive salary commensurate with experience including medical insurance stipend. Retirement, holiday, vacation and leave benefits.

To Apply

Send cover letter expressing interest and qualifications, along with resume to byoung@mswf.org
Application deadline is July 15, 2017 or until position is filled.