JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION TITLE: River Ambassador

Location: Missoula, MT
Position Type: Temporary Contract Employee (not eligible for benefits)
Period of Employment: June 7, 2021 – August 27, 2021
Compensation: $15 per hour
Expected work hours per week: 28 hours

JOB SUMMARY: The River Ambassador will be part of a small team working to pilot a seasonal River Recreation Ambassador program focused on improving public recreation experiences and protecting conservation investments in Missoula Valley rivers. River Ambassadors will work at popular river access sites to provide assistance to the public on shuttles, parking, take-outs, and floats, and share information that will increase visitor awareness of best practices when spending time on the river. This position will serve a geographical area primarily focused on Missoula Valley portions of the Bitterroot, Blackfoot, and Clark Fork rivers. River Ambassadors will conduct their work on land (primarily by bike and foot) and possibly on the water (stand-up paddleboard, kayak, etc.).

The River Ambassador program is a collaboration between the Clark Fork Coalition (CFC), Missoula County, the City of Missoula, and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. Ambassadors will report to the CFC’s Community Programs Manager.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Public Education & Outreach Responsibilities:
- Provide river users with information on river recreation infrastructure and services (e.g., parking, put-ins, take-outs, shuttle services, etc.) to help prevent conflict and alleviate crowding.
- Share guidance on best practices when recreating on the river, especially related to minimizing ecological impacts and adopting responsible behaviors (e.g., Leave No Trace, protecting riparian vegetation, managing human/pet waste and garbage).
- Hand out supplies that promote responsible recreation, such as mesh trash bags and river maps.

Data Collection and Response Responsibilities:
- Collect recreation user data that will help resource managers improve public river recreation experiences, address public safety concerns, and support conservation of river resources.
- Relay any needs for emergency response, trash cleanup, or law enforcement to appropriate government agencies.
Other Responsibilities:

- Provide daily status reports from the field to supervisor.
- Complete timesheets and expense reports on a bi-weekly basis.
- Prepare, organize, and maintain necessary equipment and supplies.
- Represent in a courteous and professional manner the common interests of the River Ambassador Program's sponsoring partners, including CFC, Missoula County, City of Missoula, and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

THE CLARK FORK COALITION is a member-supported 501(c)(3) river conservation organization whose mission is to protect and restore the Clark Fork River watershed in western Montana. CFC acknowledges that it conducts its work on the traditional homelands and waters of the Salish and Pend d'Oreille Peoples, past and present, and gratefully honors the path that they have shown us in caring for the river throughout the generations. CFC’s 13-person staff is based in Missoula, with satellite offices in Anaconda and Deer Lodge. CFC is committed to building a diverse board, staff, and river community, and is an equal opportunity employer, committed to providing employees with a work environment free of discrimination and harassment.

HOW TO APPLY!

Supply the following documents in a single PDF: 1) Cover Letter; 2) Resume; 3) Three Professional References.

Submit required information by close of business, Tuesday, June 1, 2021 to: info@clarkfork.org.