

## Project ASCENT Junior Watershed Conservationist Job Roles and Responsibilities

**Role Profile:** Junior Watershed Conservationist

**Reports to:** Adventure Coordinator, works under direction of Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

### **Qualifications**

- Must be at least 16 years of age
- Experience in working with children
- Experience in working with people with disabilities is ideal, but not required
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certificates are a plus, but not required
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Must be capable of walking over uneven terrain and lifting up to 50 lbs
- Must be willing to learn and follow directions
- Must be creative and energetic

### **General Responsibilities**

To work with Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group employees to implement and maintain watershed restoration activities in the Bull River drainage.

To provide leadership and guidance to Project ASCENT campers through project tours and peer education activities.

### **Specific Duties**

- Learn about the Bull River watershed
- Assist in ongoing efforts to revegetate the Bull River
- Travel with LCFWG staff to project sites throughout the Bull River
- Walk through multiple properties over uneven ground to learn about the project, and assist maintenance needs
- Photograph projects according to LCFWG photo point monitoring protocols
- Operate a weed whacker to clear competing vegetation around tree planting
- Discuss opportunities for further revegetation efforts on identified sites with LCFWG staff
- Transport materials to areas identified for future planting efforts
- Begin site preparations for planting efforts through weed whacking and digging
- Building and maintaining fencing used for browse protection efforts
- Develop an activity to share lessons learned over the week with other Project ASCENT campers
- Participate in a kayak trip with Project ASCENT campers on the Bull River
- Work as part of a team.
- Be a positive role model to campers and be available at all times.
- Ensure that safety standards are maintained at all times
- Report any accidents/incidents to the Camp Coordinator (incident reports)
- Other duties as required

### **Essential Functions**

The Project ASCENT Junior Watershed Conservationists are to assist in the implementation of watershed projects in the Bull River and to provide an educational role in project ASCENT's adventure program in the Bull River. Junior Watershed Conservationists should express a true love and appreciation for outdoors and nature, and be able and prepared to work in an outdoor environment, regardless of conditions, for up to 10 hours. He/she must have the ability to lift and carry equipment up to 50 pounds, have the ability to observe and promote safety in all situations, be ready and willing to learn, and maintain high energy levels and enthusiasm for prolonged periods throughout the day. All Project ASCENT staff members must be able to complete orientation and training, and complete a background check prior to the start of camp. Junior Watershed Conservationists should seek to understand the other campers, field instructors and partners he/she works with and use the uniqueness of the camp setting and program to help fulfill the Project ASCENT mission and goals.

**Experience**

Ideal candidates are past participants in Project ASCENT programs, and aspiring professionals in outdoor conservation work. Applicants with experience working with children with special needs will be preferred. Watershed Interns will receive on-the-job training before camp begins. Applicants with no related experience will still be considered.