



Stewardship and Conservation Specialist (Stewardship Field Coordinator)

Position Type: Contract

Part-time, Seasonal, Project-based

Hours: Varies by project, including occasional weekends and overnight stays on-site

Start date: September 1st, 2019

The Southeastern Climbers Coalition (SCC) is seeking a motivated independent contractor to lead grant funded stewardship projects at climbing areas in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. The Stewardship and Conservation Specialist will be responsible for assessing, implementing and completing grant funded resource protection projects. This person will work in the field, either independently or with project partners and volunteers. Under the direction of the Executive Director, the Stewardship and Conservation Specialist will develop project plans and serve as the lead point person on select SCC stewardship projects throughout the region.

The main goal for this individual is to complete long-term, sustainable trail, infrastructure, and erosion control projects at climbing areas in the Southeast. If you are an SCC supporter who is trained in trail building and land conservation and identifies as a highly motivated independent worker with a passion for protecting and stewarding Southeastern climbing areas, then this is the job for you!

Responsibilities:

- Develop and manage area assessments and detailed project plans
- Determine scope of work based on grant requirements and area needs
- Conduct trail and infrastructure work on site
- Manage and oversee volunteers to achieve project objectives
- Maintain tool and resource inventory
- Maintain detailed written records of work progress
- Write progress and completion reports for grand funders

Requirements:

- Professional trail building experience
- Independent worker who can create and manage a work schedule
- Volunteer management experience
- Demonstrate aptitude in planning, time management, project management, and budget adherence
- Exhibit advanced writing and communication skills
- Strong understanding of site assessment and trail evaluation (including knowledge on erosion, water drainage, high user traffic issues)
- Knowledge on proper use and maintenance of trail tools
- Must be able to lift heavy objects, bend, walk long distances with weight, work 6-8 hours in varying weather conditions
- Access to personal computer for reporting
- Basic knowledge of photo editing, Word, and Excel
- Reliable vehicle to get to worksite (preferably has capacity to tow 4x6 tool trailer)
- Must carry personal health insurance
- Current Wilderness First Aid (or higher) certification (or willingness to acquire training upon hire)

This position will require travel within Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, including regular multi-day projects with overnight stays on site (camping will be required for some projects).

Compensation commensurate with experience; starting at \$10-\$12/hour

To apply, send resume and cover letter by August 15th to andrea@seclimbers.org with the subject line: SCC Stewardship and Conservation Specialist.

About Southeastern Climbers Coalition:

The Southeastern Climbers Coalition (SCC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving climbing areas in the southeast for future generations. SCC members and volunteers are climbers from Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Arkansas and elsewhere who have joined forces to preserve access to climbing areas in the region.

SCC preserves access by working with national, state, and local governments and public land managers to preserve climbing access on public lands; working with private landowners to open and preserve access on private lands; and raising money to purchase or leave areas from private landowners. SCC then manages areas to keep them open to climbing and protect the natural environment.

About SCC Stewardship Initiatives:

Throughout the year, SCC works with various land owners and on SCC property to protect natural resources and the climbing environment. We own and manage 9 climbing areas in the region and work with an additional 30 climbing areas on public and private property. Stewardship and conservation strategies range from access trail work and maintenance to climbing area infrastructure and erosion control projects. SCC acquires grants and fee-for-service projects to implement stewardship initiatives, working with project partners and volunteers to complete project objectives. SCC also supports local volunteers coordinating Trail Days at their crags by provide resources and promoting events to the local community.

Current funded projects include:

Denny Cove and King's Bluff Stewardship Initiatives
Sand Rock Stewardship Initiative
Mountain Creek (Walden Ridge) Access Project