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Volunteer Position Posting for: **OUTINGS COORDINATOR**

Wild Virginia's mission is to be a voice for the last wild forested ecosystems in the national forests of Virginia. We want to permanently protect the Roadless Areas, create & protect Special Biological Areas, and establish more Wilderness Areas in the George Washington National Forest. Specifically our efforts are about trying to prevent logging and development (roadbuilding, cell towers, windfarms, power lines, mining and gas wells) in these areas.

The Wild Virginia Outings Coordinator position involves designing and leading an active program that gets the public out to observe first hand some of the remaining special areas and the threats in the GWNF. This is done by arranging well planned weekend hikes in the forests ranging from 2 to 10 miles. People who participate in these fun and free activities begin to understand more about the issues our forests face and what they can do to help us protect them. The Outings Program, dating back to 2003, has proven to be a very good teaching and recruiting tool.

Working with Wild Virginia's Board of Directors and Conservation Director, the Outings Coordinator plans a schedule of outings for the year, finds outing leaders from within the board and membership, and promotes the events through advertising and publicity. We try to have one outing each month in a variety of places.

Some valuable skills to have, but which are not necessarily required, include:

- a knowledge of outdoor hiking opportunities within 3 hours of Charlottesville and the Shenandoah Valley
- leadership ability and communication skills
- the physical ability to lead an outing
- some knowledge about how to advertise or publicize the outings to the public
- trained in medical emergencies

The time commitment can range from 1 – 12 hours a month. This all depends on how many other outing leaders the Coordinator can arrange to take a turn to lead a monthly outing. Many of the Wild Virginia board members will lead an outing when asked. You will consult and work with the Conservation Director and the Board of Directors. Occasionally, you will be asked to attend the board meetings, which last about 2 hours. Some email correspondence with the board and Conservation Director is required.

If interested contact David Hannah, Wild Virginia Conservation Director, at (434) 971-1553 or dhannah@wildvirginia.org.

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