



Michigan State Representative Volunteer Role Description

Make a significant contribution to protect wildlife in Michigan—Apply to the specialized volunteer role of Michigan State Representative with Project Coyote!

Volunteer Role Overview

The Michigan State Representative is a specialized, high-achieving, long-term volunteer who will lead efforts for Project Coyote's critical campaigns for wild carnivores at the local and state level in Michigan. State Representatives are entrusted with representing Project Coyote's brand, including in states that do not currently have Project Coyote staff or volunteer chapters, advancing policy and community initiatives to protect wild carnivores. Working closely with Project Coyote's program and communications staff, State Representatives advance the organization's mission, programs, and campaigns in key regions by raising awareness about key campaigns and programs, cultivating grassroots support, and tracking state-based legislation and issues affecting carnivores.

The volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to Project Coyote are the heart of our wildlife protection efforts. As frontline champions for wild carnivores, our State Representatives extend our reach into states where policy decisions directly impact wildlife. We deeply value these passionate individuals who amplify our voice and mission at the local and state levels, making possible what our small staff alone could never achieve. **The reward of volunteering as a State Representative with Project Coyote goes beyond personal satisfaction—it's about joining a network of dedicated wildlife advocates working together to create meaningful change for coyotes and other carnivores across the country.** By becoming part of our community, you'll connect with others who share your

passion for protecting wildlife while developing valuable skills in advocacy, community organizing, and conservation policy.

About Project Coyote

Project Coyote protects North America's wild carnivores and promotes compassionate coexistence through education, science, advocacy, and coalition building. Read more [here](#) and see our [2024 Impact Report](#).

Benefits of Becoming a Project Coyote State Representative

- Become a valued member of the Project Coyote team
- Contribute to the advancement of protections for wild carnivores and ecosystems
- Receive specialized training in carnivore advocacy, grassroots mobilization, and public communications
- Volunteer flexibly, with the ability to participate based on your schedule
- Reimbursement for some travel costs for attending public events
- Receive a Project Coyote email to use during your tenure as a state representative

Responsibilities

General Responsibilities

- Participate in monthly State Advocacy Meetings with other State Representatives, State Coordinators, and the State Advocacy Manager by providing updates on state campaigns and collaborating with team members for support on campaigns
- Understand the mission and values of Project Coyote and effectively represent the organization in a professional manner consistent with our brand
- Represent Project Coyote and distribute Project Coyote resources at appropriate venues, including tabling events and exhibits
- Encourage individuals to become Project Coyote supporters/members
- Develop and maintain an active list of state volunteers to coordinate engagement in active programs and campaigns
- Track volunteer activities and share with Project Coyote on a quarterly basis

State Campaigns

- Monitor Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meetings and decisions affecting wildlife management in the state, with particular attention to issues impacting carnivores

- Lead legislative advocacy efforts in Michigan by developing relationships with state legislators and their staff, tracking relevant wildlife bills, and organizing constituent outreach
- Testify at legislative hearings and NRC meetings on issues affecting wild carnivores, and help recruit and prepare other volunteers to provide testimony
- With support from Project Coyote staff, lead Michigan efforts to end Wildlife Killing Contests, leveraging the strong public support for this issue to build momentum for broader carnivore protections
- Support campaigns to protect wolves in Michigan through community education, legislative advocacy, and grassroots mobilization
- Draft Action Alert emails to Michigan supporters about opportunities to advocate on pressing carnivore policy issues
- Table on behalf of Project Coyote at appropriate events and coordinate volunteer participation at community outreach opportunities

Qualifications & Skills

- Excellent organization skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work both independently and in a collaborative environment
- Computer literacy, including Google Drive, Slack, and Zoom
- High level of knowledge or experience working in wildlife advocacy
- Passion for and dedication to the mission and goals of Project Coyote

Time Commitment

The time commitment varies depending on the season and your availability, but we encourage State Representatives to dedicate, on average, 5 hours per week. We understand that extenuating circumstances and day-to-day life will affect available work hours and strive to create a compassionate, understanding community that respects work-life-volunteer balance. This position requires a minimum commitment of one year (long-term service is preferred).

Location

Remote, North America

Supervisor

Kiely Smith, State Advocacy Manager. State Representatives may also work with other programmatic and communications staff and other volunteers.

Application Process

1. [Apply here](#) (including submitting references)
2. Participate in an interview with the State Advocacy Manager
3. Complete reference check
4. Receive an offer of a volunteer position, including training and ongoing support

For application inquiries, please contact ksmith@projectcoyote.org.

**We are an equal opportunity employer and give consideration for employment/volunteering/internships to qualified applicants without regard to age, race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, marital status, disability or protected veteran status, or any other status or characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law.*