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Wilderness

Community Outreach Internship

The Community Outreach Internship offers the exciting opportunity for qualified individuals/ recent grads/graduate students to work with ADK (Adirondack Mountain Club) Education Department based at the Heart Lake Program Center in Lake Placid, NY. This internship is an excellent opportunity to learn and gain experience creating and conducting natural history programs, promoting responsible recreation and Leave No Trace; and environmental education programs for children and adults. The program goals are to provide a creative learning opportunity in the field of environmental/outdoor recreation and community service learning. The program is designed to expose the intern(s) to a variety of programs within the organization as well as connect them to other organizations within the environmental community.

The primary responsibility of this internship is to assist in facilitating ADK's fourth grade school outreach programming. This includes classroom visits to local schools as well as leading students on hikes up Mt. Jo, a steep, two-mile (round trip) hike at the Heart Lake Program Center. Intern assumes a diversity of other responsibilities including: other elementary school outreach programming, developing environmental education and evening programs; public presentations; guided hikes; community outreach; development and maintenance of self-guided trails. Opportunities for special projects in exhibit design; flora/fauna inventory; interpretation; outdoor recreation; and visitor studies are available.

Qualifications:

- Educational background in environmental education/interpretation, natural history, natural sciences or related field.
- Previous experience working in education, outdoor recreation, or a nature/visitor center
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, public speaking, professionalism, and outdoor leadership
- Ability to work both independently and as a team member
- Ability to hike 2-3 miles per day with steep terrain
- High level of organizational skills to effectively plan, teach, and administer the diverse demands of the job, and keep detailed records
- Motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and willing to work with people of all ages
- Valid driver's license and willingness to drive a large 15 passenger van preferred
- Employment is contingent on passing a background check
- Current Wilderness First Aid (WFA) or equivalent medical/first aid training preferred

Position: Community Outreach Intern

Location: Heart Lake Program Center, Lake Placid, NY

Position Dates: August 30th - November 12th 2021

Work Schedule: Varies according to programming needs; 44 hours/week

Compensation: \$12.50/hour with on-site housing and board for small deduction, academic credit, extensive training, opportunity to attend ADK workshops w/out charge, opportunity to live and work in an incredibly beautiful place!

Please submit online application or send application to:

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Application Deadline: June 6th, 2021 or until positions have been filled.