

Pok-O-MacCready Outdoor Education Center

POSITION: Outdoor Education Intern

LOCATION: The Pok-O-MacCready Outdoor Education Center is a residential and day use facility for students of all ages. Our campus consists of 300 acres of pristine wilderness on the shores of Long Pond in Adirondack Park, the East's largest wilderness. We offer programs in Living History, High Adventure, Earth Sciences, and Teambuilding. Learn more at www.pmoec.org.

LEVEL OF POSITION: Full Time; Seasonal

REPORTS TO: Assistant Director of Outdoor Education

JOB OBJECTIVE: Team teach exciting and experiential classes in all of our program areas to students of varying ages and abilities. Help lead wilderness trips and participate in work projects geared towards facility maintenance and curriculum enrichment.

QUALIFICATIONS: All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and able to work legally in the United States. Candidates must be personable, energetic, be able to have fun while they work, be team players, hard workers and have a strong desire to share their love of the outdoors. Experience teaching young people is desired. Applicants must be physically fit, able to complete strenuous hikes and work long days in challenging weather conditions. Job offers are contingent on the results of a nation-wide criminal background check. WFR certification is highly desired. Accepted applications will have to complete Red Cross Responding to Emergencies, Solo Wilderness First Aid, or a comparable course valid through the last day of their employment prior to or during starting staff training. We are looking for interns who are interested in pursuing a degree or career in outdoor education and/or professional experience as an outdoor educator. Hiking, backpacking, canoeing, climbing, and wilderness trip leader skills are also preferred.

LEADERSHIP OR SUPERVISORY DUTIES: The majority of our classes are taught to "field groups" of 10-15 students accompanied by a teacher or parent chaperone. Our instructor to student ratio on overnight trips in the Adirondack High Peaks is typically 1:6. Pok-O Interns will be placed in a variety of teaching situations and be required to interact with students and chaperones under varying conditions. They must be creative and independent thinkers and able to make quick decisions.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

60% - Teach, either in a team, as a trainee, or eventually independently, various classes

15% - Help lead day and overnight wilderness trips which may include hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, etc.

15% - Participate in work projects, including cleaning and manual labor (e.g. chopping fire wood, painting dorms)

10% - Assist in the kitchen, including preparing food and washing dishes

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: \$250 a month stipend, plus room and board. Laundry facilities and internet access. A dynamic and fun environment in which to work, play, and socialize. Use of equipment (e.g. rock climbing equipment/ center, canoes, mountain bikes, etc.) and facilities during days off. Eligibility for pro-purchase programs with outdoor equipment retailers. Paid training. Participation in staff enrichment days. Eight days off per month.

HOW TO APPLY: Mail, hand deliver, e-mail, or fax cover letter and resume, including three professional references, as well as an application, which can be downloaded from www.pmoec.org, to: Stites McDaniel, Director of Outdoor Education, P.O. Box 397, Willsboro, NY, 12996. Phone: 518.963.7967. Fax: 518.963.4165. E-mail: director@pmoec.org. Including a photograph with your application is optional.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Rolling

START DATE: Dependent by season