



Position: Graduate Internship/Practicum

Program: Base Camp Cullowhee, Western Carolina University

Work Dates: May 11th to August 20th, 2009, dates flexible

Pay: Approx \$10/hr.

Program Overview:

Base Camp Cullowhee (BCC) is the outdoor programs of Western Carolina University, and is housed in the Student Affairs division. Please visit the BCC website for a full description of the program: <http://basecamp.wcu.edu> BCC has developed a national reputation for high quality in collegiate outdoor programs and has grown tremendously in recent years to become one of the biggest in the country. WCU is nestled in the heart of the Smokey Mountains with easy access to public lands, whitewater, rock climbing, and trail systems.

During the summer, BCC operates much like an outfitter and guide service, providing almost daily outdoor trips for summer programs, camps, and conferences on campus. Activities include: whitewater rafting, day hiking, rock climbing, whitewater kayaking and canoeing, caving, and multi-day backpacking trips. BCC's main audience in the summer months are (1) high-school age groups on campus for various camp experiences (like math and science camp), (2) adults, here for conferences (such as the state conference for school principals), and (3) incoming freshman here for campus orientation.

Job Description:

This position is designed for graduate students in outdoor recreation, education, student affairs, leadership, or other related fields wishing to complete an internship or practicum as a part of their degree requirements. Applicants from WCU and other institutions will be considered for this position. **The primary function of this position is to assist the professional staff and undergraduate student staff of BCC in the delivery of programs during the summer months and to be exposed to the administration of a large university outdoor program.**

The specific duties of the position are highly adaptable depending on the previous experience, interests, and internship requirements of the applicant. Potential duties include:

- Management of the "First Ascent" program, freshman wilderness orientation trips
 - Market trips, manage enrolment, instruct trips, train staff
- Act as a primary instructor for many of the summer activities
- Manage the indoor climbing wall
- Supervise and train undergraduate student staff in the delivery of programs
- Assist in curriculum design and development of existing and new programs to best meet the needs of BCC clients
- Research and re-con new program areas and activities

Job Requirements:

- Attend and assist in instruction of the summer staff training
- Previous experience as the lead instructor in at least one of the following activities: whitewater rafting, kayaking, or canoeing, single pitch rock climbing, caving or backpacking.
- Previous experience training new staff in one of the program activities above.
- Current Wilderness First Aid (WFA) or Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification.
- Current CPR certification.
- Valid drivers license and ability to drive 15-passenger van
- Positive attitude and willingness to contribute with quality.

To Apply:

Send resume and cover letter outlining (1) your previous experience in the outdoor field, and (2) how this experience fits into your graduate program to:

Josh Whitmore at jwhitmore@wcu.edu (email submissions preferred)
or Josh Whitmore, 210 AK Hinds University Center, Cullowhee, NC 28723

All applications are due by April 3rd, 2009

For More Information:

Contact Josh Whitmore, Director of Outdoor Programs, at jwhitmore@wcu.edu or 828-227-3466