

North Idaho College Outdoor Pursuits Internship Program

Located on the shores of beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene and nestled in the mountains of Idaho, NIC Outdoor Pursuits exercises both mind and body through wilderness based, environmentally sound outdoor adventures. Our activities foster personal growth through self-awareness, teamwork, and risk taking. We provide a non-profit outdoor service with trips, instruction, and rentals for all those in our community.

Program Overview: The goal of our internship program is to develop outdoor professionals by immersing them in an intense, hands on outdoor programming experience. We are devoted to creating an environment through which our interns will grow professionally and personally.

Intern Responsibilities: As an intern at NIC Outdoor Pursuits, your job will be to assist with every aspect of the program including: adventure trips, skills clinics, equipment rentals, special events, and program administration.

New this Year: We'll start with our most exciting update to Campus Recreation, our brand spanking new Student Wellness and Recreation Center, slated to go online in August of 2017. The SWRC is over 15 years in the making and the first ever recreation facility on the NIC campus. Interns will be integral to getting the climbing wall up and running and developing protocols for operations.

Next is our Challenge Course. With the inevitable shuffle in Campus Recreation, Outdoor Pursuits has adopted the Challenge Course and is excited to make it our own. We will be incorporating our lakefront activities into programming; sailing, paddleboarding, and kayaking will all be an option for groups looking for an exciting way to build their team.

Also new this year is our bike program. Interns will learn and teach bike mechanic skills to a wide range of students, help maintain our bike share program, and in general promote cycling as a healthy means of transportation.

Requirements: Interns must be pursuing a college degree that includes an internship within its curriculum. In order to insure a high level of academic and professional growth, the internship must be evaluated by the NIC Outdoor Pursuits staff and their home institution. The experience is designed, but not limited to those seeking degrees in outdoor recreation related fields of study.

Minimum Qualifications – Interns must be:

- An excellent communicator
- At least 20 years of age
- Able to work flexible and often long hours
- Able to lift and carry heavy objects weighing up to 75lbs
- A strong swimmer and possess a knowledge of water safety
- Certified in CPR/First Aid
- Have a valid driver's license



Compensation

Stipend: Interns will be paid a \$1,500 stipend over the 4 month internship.

Housing: Housing is provided. The interns share accommodations a short bike ride away from the NIC campus.

Experience: Interns will obtain a clear understanding of how a college outdoor program works.

Teaching: Interns will have the opportunity to teach outdoor skills clinics. These will be based on the intern's skill levels and how they progress through instructor shadowing.



Certification Opportunities: Interns may have the opportunity to earn professional certifications at a deep discount during the internship. Certifications offered depend on the term (spring, summer, fall) of the internship and may include one or more of the following: Avalanche Level 1, WFR, WFA, or ACA Swiftwater Rescue.

Fun: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho is a premier location for outdoor recreation. With a multitude of skiing, hiking, biking, paddling, and climbing opportunities within 15 minutes of town, your days off are as adventurous as you are.

Internship Terms

Spring: *Early January – mid-May – 2 Positions Available – Apply by November 1st*

- Adventure Trips: backcountry skiing, whitewater rafting/kayaking, surfing, kayaking/canoeing, backpacking
- Teaching Opportunities: snowshoeing, cross country skiing, avalanche safety, mountaineering, wilderness medicine, ski tuning, bicycle maintenance, outdoor cooking, rock climbing

Summer: *Mid-May – mid-September* – 6 Positions Available – Apply ASAP*

- Adventure Trips: whitewater rafting and kayaking, backpacking
- Teaching Opportunities: sailing, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, stand up paddleboarding, youth camps, mountain biking, bike maintenance
- *flexible end date for students returning to fall semester at their home institution

Fall: *Mid-August – mid-December – 2 Positions Available – Apply by April 1st*

- Adventure Trips: whitewater rafting and kayaking, backpacking, surfing, canoeing, avalanche safety
- Teaching Opportunities: sailing, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, stand up paddleboarding, mountain biking, fly fishing

Applications

Interested students are encouraged to send a letter of intent and resume to Jacob Rothrock, Program Coordinator, at jacob.rothrock@nic.edu. For further details please email Jacob or call us at 208-769-7809.