

INTERNSHIP

CLIMBING SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

Available year round



Overview

Acadia Mountain Guides, Inc. offers a number of internship opportunities for qualified college and high school students interested in the fields of adventure education, climbing instruction and guiding, guide service management and outdoor retail business management.

Our internships are true experiential education and hard work - you will be making real decisions with real consequences. You will be expected to be very motivated, a solid self-starter, detail oriented and willing to work a full schedule. In return, you take home many new skills, experiences and insights that will prove beneficial throughout your career. Each intern will develop a focused project with unique goals and expectations that are mutually beneficial to the intern and to the organization. This should be followed through from conception to implementation early in the internship.

Climbing School Management Internship

For this internship Acadia Mountain Guides, Inc. is seeking highly motivated, self starting individual to assist in climbing school administration and operations. The internship presents a broad exposure to the multiple aspects of running a small business with a focus on marketing and customer service. Interns will be expected to process course reservations, attend trade shows, create, edit and organize course support materials, prepare itineraries, research new venues, inspect and organize equipment, prepare and edit newsletters, summarize client evaluations, and provide customer service via phone, internet and in-person. Intern will have opportunities to shadow field courses (rock or ice climbing, winter camping / mountaineering, wilderness medicine, avalanche as season allows).

Location / Availability

This internship is available from 6 – 14 weeks is located in spring and fall in Orono, ME and in the summer in either Orono or Bar Harbor, ME.

Qualifications

Ideal interns will have completed or be in the process of completing a degree closely related to the nature of the internship such as outdoor education or business majors intending to operate their own service based outdoor business. Climbing, backcountry skiing and/or mountaineering skills highly recommended but not required.

Benefits

This is a paid internship with a salary that is commensurate with education and experience and nature of position (typical range is \$100.00 – 200.00 per week). Access to professional courses (climbing/ mountaineering, Maine Trip Leader, WMA wilderness medicine, PCIA and AMGA training) is available in house prior to start of season at significantly reduced cost. Housing limited depending upon location, pro-purchase access. Worker's compensation insurance provided. Climbing school and camp employees are encouraged to apply for retail positions to earn extra income. Housing may be available at reduced cost.

To apply

Complete our application (available at acadiamountainguides.com) and return electronically with a letter of interest and resume to Jon Tierney (climb@acadiamountainguides.com) or via mail to AMGCS, PO Box 121, Orono, ME 04473. 207-866-7562. After receiving your application, we will evaluate it and, if you are among the qualified candidates, we will arrange an interview.

About Acadia Mountain Guides

AMG was founded in 1993 and is owned by Jon Tierney. AMG operates a year round program of courses and guiding that extends from the sea side cliffs of Acadia to distant summits in South America and Asia. The school is AMGA accredited and all guide staff have participated in either PCIA or AMGA guide training and certification. Jon is an IMFGA guide who has served on the AMGA Board of Directors and the AMGA Technical Committee and was formerly an AMGA Instructor/Examiner. Jon is the current Educational Director of the newly formed Professional Climbing Instructor's

Association and was the original designer and catalyst behind of the AMGA Top Rope Site Manager (Single Pitch) program from 1997-2004.

During the summer, AMG operates primarily out of Bar Harbor, ME – home to Acadia National Park and the summer camps operate out of Orono, ME. Bar Harbor is a busy resort town similar to North Conway, Estes Park, or Jackson Hole. The climbing is predominantly granite and Acadia is known for single pitch sea cliff climbing right over Frenchman's Bay. The 250' Southwall of Champlain Mountain features great lines on superb granite and is ideal terrain for introducing clients to multi-pitch climbing. Forty minutes inland are the Clifton Crags with steep sport climbing on granite (close to Orono). Alpine rock climbing on Katahdin is about 2.5 hours away. Excellent bouldering opportunities abound in Acadia and Clifton.