



ROCK CLIMBING / ADVENTURE TRIP LEADERS

Available summer 2009

Overview

Acadia Mountain Guides, Inc. offers a number of employment and/or internship opportunities for qualified individuals interested in the fields of adventure education, climbing instruction and guiding, guide service management and/or outdoor retail business management.

In this position 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 will take home many new skills and experiences.

Most interns are asked to also develop a focused project with unique goals that are mutually beneficial to the intern and to the organization. This should be followed through from conception to implementation early in the internship.

Summer Camp Climbing Instructor and Trip Leader

Acadia Mountain Guides is seeking highly motivated individuals to lead coed, week-long rock climbing and adventure trips in Maine and NH for teens. Trips focus primarily on rock climbing but also include group living, wilderness skills, cooperation, independence, and fun. We expect our leaders to be professional and fun-loving with a keen sense for managing risk, problem-solving and responding to group and individual needs. Leaders are on duty 24/7 during field sessions. Staff are responsible for preparing equipment and food rations, transport, shuttles, and supervising intra-camp sessions. This position is available as either a regular position or internship.

About our Summer Camp Program

Our RockPro program is an intense, multi-week series that teaches a full spectrum of rock climbing skills from basic knots and climbing technique to advanced lead climbing as campers abilities allow. Throughout the series, campers and leaders will interact with senior AMG staff when on advanced terrain. The program travels between Maine, NH and Quebec.

In early summer we offer two adventure camps - one that focuses on hiking, rock climbing and rafting and one that focuses on sea kayaking, rock climbing and hiking.

The Young Explorer's Day Camp takes place mostly between Bangor, ME and Acadia National Park. This camp provides day and overnight camp experiences for 9 - 12 year olds. Each camp offers a mix of adventure activities including ropes course, rock climbing, hiking, caving, canoeing, kayaking, and general exploring.

A complete description of camp programs may be found at www.climbacadia.org and climbing school programs at www.acadiamountainguides.com.

Location / Availability

This is an 8 – 12 week seasonal, summer position available from mid-June to approximately August 20th. It can be filled as a regular position or as an internship. Occasional shorter internships may be available. Instructors should expect to be in the field the majority of July and August with very few days off available. Housing may available at reduced cost.

Ideal Qualifications for Rock Climbing Trip Leaders

Age 23 or older, significant personal skills in rock climbing, backcountry travel / camping and other outdoor pursuits, experience / expertise teaching rock climbing and outdoor skills, strong interpersonal / leadership skills with teens and pre-teens and a desire to serve as a positive role model, excellent driving record, excellent physical condition, ME Trip Leader license or willing to obtain it, Lifeguard Training, WFA or WFR, and PCIA or AMGA training or certification highly desired.

All camp staff participate in training and evaluation beginning in mid-June and camps begin in early July. At this intensive session we go over wilderness skills, program rules and regulations, initiatives and games, climbing site management, multi-pitch skills, LNT expectations, area familiarization, wilderness first aid, and tons more.

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.

Benefits

Trip leaders are paid a salary that is commensurate with education and experience and nature of position depending upon whether it is an internship or regular position (range is \$1700.00 to upwards of 4000.00 for the season). 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. One of best aspects of working at AMG is the community of friends and climbing partners you will join.

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.