



Outdoor Adventures Adventure Education Instructor Job Description

University Recreation consists of five program areas: Aquatics, Facilities, Fitness, Intramural Sports, and Outdoor Adventures. Over 200 students are employed with UREC in various positions to administer, manage, and support day-to-day operations. Student employee positions range from entry level positions such as area floor staff, office staff, and sport officials, to supervisory and management positions. Consideration for employment is based on the review of a resume and interview.

Our mission is to engage the campus community with recreation and wellness programs designed to stimulate growth and development by enhancing healthy lifestyles through participation opportunities, educational experiences, and supportive services. Through recreational involvement, UREC provides a safe and contemporary environment for social interaction while improving sportsmanship and fostering leadership development.

Outdoor Adventures Mission Statement

By utilizing non-traditional, adventure education-based programming experiences, Outdoor Adventures strives to provide opportunities to promote self-efficacy, leadership qualities, and pro-social bonds to the Angelo State University community.

Vision

Outdoor Adventures hopes to operationalize its mission by offering six, main programming areas: Indoor Rock Climbing Gym, Team Building Experiences, ASU Lake House Facility, Outdoor Trips, Educational Clinics, and Equipment Rental. These six areas will provide the environment in which campus community members can de-stress from the pressures of campus life; thus, allowing them to refocus and build greater social ties to the University. Participants of Outdoor Adventures programming will take charge, and learn what it means to seek an adventurous lifestyle.

Goals

In alliance with Angelo State University and University Recreation's mission statements, Outdoor Adventures' end goal is to provide responsible citizens leading to having productive careers. Thus, Outdoor Adventures fosters the following eight specific goals that support the development of citizenship and productive careers: accountability, communication skills, leadership qualities, metacognition, open-mindedness, problem-solving skills, professionalism, and various technical skills. Although each program might have slightly varied learning outcomes, these are the eight tent poles that provide the foundation to every Outdoor Adventures program.

Position: Adventure Education Instructor for Outdoor Adventures program

Contract: A maximum of 20 hours per week from August to May

Compensation: \$7.25 an hour

Adventure Education Instructor Job Description

Adventure Education Instructors are responsible for aiding participants using any of the various Outdoor Adventures (OA) program areas. Duties at the Lake House, Climbing Gym, and Outdoor Adventure Center will include, but are not limited to: being engaged in program building activities, helping with equipment checkout, explaining how equipment is used, belaying, making sure facilities are clean at all times, planning and facilitating educational clinics and teambuilding experiences, and any other task related to the facility or OA. This position requires critical thinking skills and the ability to work independently. Instructors are also expected to maintain an awareness of potential problems while creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere in their particular program area. Adventure Education Instructors are expected to communicate and collaborate with other staff from various UREC program areas.

Specific Responsibilities

- Determine facility access eligibility for each patron
- Advertise and solicit willing participants to fill OA program spaces
- Attend all mandatory staff meetings
- Check participants in and out of the gym, and create participant files and enter data into the Access database
- Check out/in appropriate equipment following correct check-out procedures
- Assist in observing participant's climbing and belaying and enforce climbing gym rules
- While on-duty in the climbing gym, remain in a harness and be prepared to offer belays to participants throughout entire shift
- Report to work on time (early) for all scheduled shifts and maintain an updated time sheet
- Perform applicable opening and closing responsibilities which include but are not limited to: tying ropes and anchors, putting away equipment, walking the Lake House property, changing trash bags, vacuuming, and other occasional cleaning
- Properly maintain and store all OA equipment, which can include technical climbing instructional supplies, inspecting equipment, filling chalk balls, keeping gym and desk area clean, and entering data into the Access database

Minimum Requirements

- Current ASU student and must be in good academic standing.
- Strong leadership and organization with strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to handle and execute any task assigned by the GA and the Assistant Director.
- Genuine enthusiasm, interest, and commitment to experiential education
- Desire to teach diverse groups of people in an outdoor education setting
- Ability to learn and practice specific safety guidelines for all OA program areas
- A positive attitude toward the University and its constituents
- Must be able to make decisions for everyday and emergency situations
- To be able to pass the belay test at the climbing gym prior to the first day of work

Preferred Qualifications

- Knowledge of experiential education and adventure programming
- Interest in outdoor adventure activities.
- Working knowledge of Outdoor Adventures and lake house facility
- Knowledge of industry safety standards regarding top rope, lead climbing, kayaking, etc.
- Extensive computer skills and working knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite