



Title: Backyard Adventure Guide (Summer)

Location:

Edwards, Colorado (Central Rocky Mountain Region – White River National Forest)

Position Summary:

SOS Outreach is a non-profit organization that provides value-based leadership programs for underserved and local youth ranging from eight to eighteen years old. Youth develop self-respect, build positive relationships, cultivate core values, and enhance social skills, all while participating in outdoor experiential recreation. SOS's year-round approach to youth development is defined by on-going life skills workshops, day and multi-day backcountry trips, adult mentorship, skiing and snowboarding programs, and multi-year program opportunities.

SOS Outreach is currently seeking qualified individuals interested in introducing youth to outdoor leadership skills and outdoor recreation in wilderness settings. Backyard Adventure Guides must be passionate about working with youth of varied ages and from diverse backgrounds. As a model for positive growth, instructors will provide the support, safety, and guidance needed for youth to foster an appreciation for nature, learn the skills necessary to participate in outdoor experiences, and become part of a group learning atmosphere.

Responsibilities (include but not limited to):

- Lead Backyard Adventure groups of 13 youth (8 – 14 years old) in a front country setting with a co-guide, including preparation, implementation, cleanup and debriefing. The Backyard Adventure program is a Monday through Thursday day program, introducing a new adventure sport each day.
- Manage the safety of all participants while delivering programming focused on introductions to a variety of activities including hiking, rock climbing, stand-up paddle boarding, teambuilding, and other outdoor adventure sports.
- Deliver SOS' values-based curriculum designed to provide youth with life-changing experiences. Curriculum focuses on six core values: Courage, Discipline, Integrity, Wisdom, Compassion, and Humility.

Qualifications:

- Be 21 years of age or older.
- Current Wilderness First Aid (Wilderness First Responder, preferred) and CPR certification.
- BYA day hiking involves 2-4 miles and 2,000' elevation gains. Must be able to carry 30lbs. guide pack.
- Pass Federal background check and Motor Vehicle check.
- Knowledge of Leave No Trace Practices.
- Have experience working with youth and youth development programs.
- Rock climbing, hiking, wilderness travel, and team building experience (Preferably in the Rocky Mountain Region).
- Leadership experience in group facilitation in backcountry settings.
- Have a positive attitude and good sense of humor and strong communication skills.
- Experience, comfort, and passion in working with disadvantaged youth and low income families.



- Spanish language proficiency and cultural literacy (preferred).
- Awareness of factors impacting the lives of underserved youth.
- Willingness to learn about privilege, racism, and oppression and how these social constructions impact students and staff.
- A desire to make a positive difference in the community.

Dates of Employment

June 7, 2016 – August 12, 2016

Remuneration

\$100 per day

Application Instructions

To apply, send resume and cover letter to Scott Partan, Summer Program Director, via email to spartan@sosoutreach.org with "Backyard Adventure Guide Position" in the subject line, fax (970) 306-0269, or mail to P.O. Box 2020, Avon, Colorado 81620. Please indicate the instructor position you are interested in. *Note if you have a direct connection with SOS as a former employee, Sherpa, or other affiliation.

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted through April 25, 2016.