

Backpack Instructor Posted Nov 28

Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, Townsend, TN (Great Smoky Mountains Nat. Park)



This summer position provides an opportunity to work with a nationally recognized residential environmental education institute in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Applications will be accepted by candidates interested in working a minimum of two (preferably all three) of the backpack programs listed under dates of employment below.

Responsibilities: Plan and execute Wilderness Adventure Treks (two weeklong sessions) and Teen High Adventure (one eleven-day camp). Supervise campers in backcountry as well as on the Tremont campus before, during, and after the expedition. Facilitate group cohesion through team-building exercises, daily meetings, and ongoing evaluation of set goals. Organize evening activities. Develop and implement curriculum that includes backcountry living skills, Leave No Trace principles, leadership training, service-learning, and natural and cultural history of the area. Fulfill all aspects of Tremont backcountry practices and protocols. Work with co-trip leader to do all the above.

Qualifications: Must be an energetic, enthusiastic, and committed individual who exhibits an understanding of the mission of Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. Candidate must have minimum one-year experience as a teacher or leader. Must have experience planning, organizing, and implementing wilderness expeditions. Must be able to facilitate and manage a group comprised of inexperienced participants in wilderness settings for extended periods of time. Must be in excellent physical condition, be able to manage risk in the backcountry, and trouble-shoot problems with minimal supervision. Must be minimum 21 years old. Must have current Wilderness First Responder and CPR certificates. Natural history background in Southern Appalachian ecology and cultural history preferred.

Salary and Benefits: \$400 per week (\$335 during precamp week only) plus housing, meals and uniform allowance.

Dates of Employment: June 4-8 (precamp), June 11-16, June 25-30, and July 9-21, 2012.

Application deadline: February 20, 2012.

To Apply: Submit an application with resume and cover letter. Application forms are available on the Web at <http://www.gsmit.org/jobs>

Application materials may also be mailed to:

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