

Director of Outdoor Education

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Position Title:	Director of Outdoor Education	Job Type:	Full-Time
Company Name:	Colorado College	Job Duration:	Indefinite
Industry:	Colleges and Universities	Min Education:	BA/BS/Undergraduate
Job Function:	Executive Director	Min Experience:	5-7 Years
Entry Level:	No	Required Travel:	10-25%
Location(s):	Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80901, United States	Salary:	\$50,000.00 - \$60,000.00 (Yearly Salary)

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Job Description

Founded in 1874, Colorado College is a private, four-year, independent coeducational liberal arts college of 1975 undergraduate students. It is located on a 90-acre campus in downtown Colorado Springs, on the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains at the foot of Pikes Peak.

Reporting to the Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Students, the Director of Outdoor Education has responsibility to plan, develop, implement, and manage the co/extra-curricular Outdoor Education Program that includes grant programs and student orientation experiences provided at the college. The position presents the opportunity for the Director to provide vision and leadership to promote Outdoor Education as a signature program of the college. The Director supervises an Assistant Director of Outdoor Education & Orientation and on-call, seasonal, staff and student. Key responsibilities include:

- Provide leadership and vision to develop outdoor-based opportunities that enhance the learning experience and which foster the institutions' core values.
- Provide leadership and supervision to the Outdoor Education staff; ensure the Outdoor Education Department operates in an effective and efficient manner, and provides quality services in all its programs.
- Provide oversight of all Outdoor Education programs.
- Administer all budgets for the CC Outdoor Education Program which is approximately \$375,000 for program expenses.

- Facilitate use and maintenance of CC Challenge Course located at the CC Cabin
- Develop a comprehensive Outdoor Educational Leadership Program for students interested in making the most of their leadership experience at CC and beyond.
- Collaborate with all areas of the college, including faculty and student life, to enhance visibility and awareness of Outdoor Education programs, and to identify and promote opportunities to broaden the reach of Outdoor Education programs.
- Work with the Assistant Director to facilitate and coordinate training of all students who will lead wilderness-based trips including Priddy Experience, Winter Orientation, ORC, FOOT, Freeriders Union, and the CC Climbing Association; and to coordinate all logistics for back-country components of the Priddy Experience and Winter Orientation to include selection of locations and routes for all trips.
- Develop and facilitate assessment efforts for all outdoor and wilderness programs including Priddy Experience, ORC trips and FOOT trips.
- Work with Assistant Director to coordinate logistical details of programs including venue reservation, technical requirements, and advertisements
- Coordinate logistics for the annual Wilderness First Responder classes during Half-Block;
- Serve as the campus expert in the area of outdoor programming and outdoor program risk management. Oversee the maintenance of records and documentation of all trips for assessment and risk management purposes
- Serve as a primary college responder in crisis or emergency situations arising from outdoor adventure activities.

Job Requirements

Bachelor's degree plus a minimum of five years experience in the area of outdoor education and wilderness risk management are required. Experience with higher education institutions is desired. Additional requirements include demonstrated initiative and leadership, outstanding interpersonal and communication skills, and the ability to work with a wide and challenging range of students and parents. Demonstrated experience in exercising independent judgment and initiative. Experience in designing and implementing curriculum and training for outdoor education programs preferred. Wilderness Advanced First Aid (WAFA) Certification preferred. Other important characteristics include excellent organizational skills, goal orientation, and self-motivation. The successful candidate will be committed to the mission of a liberal arts college, will support and contribute to the goal of achieving greater diversity at Colorado College and will be able to work effectively with the many constituencies in a college environment. The College is committed to increasing the diversity of the college community. Candidates who can contribute to that goal are particularly encouraged to apply and to identify their strengths or experiences in this area.

Salary will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the individual selected; Colorado College offers an excellent benefits package.