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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are community recreation, outdoor and experiential education, and animal assisted growth and learning. If you love working with a variety of people and abilities with lots of fun, challenging programming; this is the place for you to finish your education! We offer housing at no cost. I've listed a tentative schedule for the semester below. You can get some visuals about our program by going to the web site listed in the last paragraph, below.

If you are interested in an internship, please send me a resume with 3 references and a cover letter explaining why you want to be in community outdoor setting.

Therapeutic Recreation and Education majors all writing in blue applies to you.
Equine Studies majors all green areas and most areas in blue apply to you

Internship schedule:

Week 1: orientation to Camp Shaw.

1. Introduction to office (outlook and other computer software)
2. Two way expectations ie what I expect of you and what you can expect of me and our organization.
3. Overview of current programs.
4. Sign confidentiality and photo releases.
5. Go over existing assessment and evaluation forms
6. Equine Studies Interns: meet the horses and other animals.
 - Begin assisting with care
 - Have your riding evaluation

Week 2 thru 5:

1. Equine Studies Interns: you will be assessed to your skills, strengths and weaknesses
 - Introduction to equine assisted therapy
 - Introduction to trail riding for the public
 - Evaluates all disciplines
2. Hands on assessments of clients, participants, and programs; done with various facilities including group planning
3. Implementation and evaluation of education and therapeutic recreation interventions and programs done. This time frame will allow you to become totally familiar with currently used tools as well as the opportunity to explore other tools on the web and with other professionals.
4. During this time you will also be completing administrative tasks like filing, compiling data on programs and populations, attending weekly departmental meetings, learning how to complete reports, returning phone calls and emails

pertaining to programming, and creating PR materials for appearances at local agency providers. This may seem like a lot of gophering, but it is an essential part of learning the agency

Weeks 5-12:

1. **Equine Studies Interns:** You will assist other interns with their program if they are using horses in their programming.
 - You will create program plans for riding students aged 4-74
 - You will evaluate and match horses to students by ability, size, etc
 - You will monitor and document all aspects of horse health and performance
 - You will facilitate one horse event that will be a minimum of 8 hours and maximum three day event.
2. You will create and implement a four to six week program for the population of your choice.
3. You will be FULLY responsible for this program from soup to nuts. You will be given support by myself and our organization and staff, but you will be operating as a professional (CTRS, educator or Rec Professional) would in this capacity. This means lining up volunteers, venues, donors, creating assessments, evaluations and any other materials needed for the program.
4. The possibilities for this are unlimited, so be creative!

Summer Programs 2007:

Youth Camp: 5 days, Sunday- Thursday, June 10, June 17, July 22, 29 (these weeks are not continuous. You can get the full schedule on line at www.campshaw.org)

Programming for these camps includes archery, arts and crafts, canoeing and kayaking, horseback riding, challenge course, zip line, sports and recreation, nature and swimming and focus on physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities and focuses on balance, strengthening and social skills improvement.

Extreme Camp: 7 days July 15th –July 21st and July 22nd -July 29th Programming for these camps includes archery, arts and crafts, canoeing and kayaking, horseback riding, challenge course, zip line, sports and recreation, nature and swimming and focus on physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities and focuses on balance, strengthening and social skills improvement.

Running Camp: July 9th -12th Focuses more on strengthening and competition and concentration

Football Camps: Last two weeks of August. These groups focus mainly on football, but will use challenge course and pool.

Swimming in our pool is offered all summer. You will work closely with lifeguard staff and TR interns will be expected to assist with folks with severe physical disabilities.

Fishing: in Rock Creek is an option almost all year round. This activity is for typically developing children and adults as well as folks with cognitive and physical disabilities.

Ongoing Programming

We have groups in camp year round and on weekends in the summer when campers are not here. Boy scouts, 4-Hers, Astronomy Clubs, School Groups, Cognitively and Physically disabled Children and Adults and many others. Horseback riding, challenge course and SOLAR (Shaw Outdoor Learning and Recreation including environmental education) are year round staffed programs.

Other options for TR Interns:

- Therapeutic Movement: We have a huge dining hall and other smaller building for indoor programming for folks with cognitive and/or physical disabilities.
- Basketball: For pre-teens and teens with cognitive disabilities. Mondays 2 hours
- Field Sports: Soccer, basketball, boccia, etc. We have three green spaces for utilization of this programming option
- EAGLS: equine assisted growth and learning for people with cognitive, physical, and social/emotional disorders. Also great for team building and corporate groups.
- We also program art as therapy, adventure based therapy, hiking and biking, storytelling, photography, reminiscence therapy and just about anything else our clients want!

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