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BRECKENRIDGE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

What is the BOEC?

Located in Breckenridge, Colorado, the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to expand the potential of people with disabilities through meaningful, educational, and inspiring outdoor experiences. The BOEC began back in 1976 with a staff that consisted of volunteers only, gear that came from their closets, and food that was donated or provided by the clients. The BOEC has come a long way since then. The BOEC offers Adaptive Skiing and Snowboarding, Wilderness Courses (on-site as well as mobile courses) and a unique Internship Program. Situated on 39 acres, the BOEC boasts a climbing wall, a high ropes course, high and low team initiatives, rafts, canoes, sea kayaks, cabins, teepees, and much more, as resources for experiential education.

Extraordinary things happen here at the BOEC. A man with quadriplegia finds the courage and patience to take on the high ropes course, a woman who is blind feels the thrill of carving down some fresh powder, a group of teenage boys learn what it means to work hard as they set fence ties on a desert farm in Utah - these are mere glimpses of what happens at the BOEC. For more than 30 years, the BOEC has been changing lives, or more accurately, showing people that they have the power within themselves to change their own lives.

The Life of a Summer Intern...

Summer interns make a four-month commitment from May 15th through September 30th working primarily for the BOEC Wilderness Program. The summer begins with three weeks of intense training. During this time interns learn their role within the BOEC and get a chance to develop the hard(technical) and soft(people) skills needed to work here at the BOEC. Throughout the summer, interns get hands on experience in all aspects of programming and become staff on wilderness courses. The responsibilities include planning, implementing/ facilitating and evaluating the courses that they are a part of. Courses can range from one to fourteen days. They may be held here at our wilderness site or in a mobile format (camping, canoeing, or rafting trips off the BOEC site). Interns play a role in planning the menu, pulling the gear, facilitating the ropes course, canoeing, hiking, climbing, and other outdoor adventures and evaluating the course at the end. The amount of responsibility given to the interns depends on what each individual proves he or she can handle. Along with working wilderness courses, interns are provided with the opportunity to work with the operations manager and the administrative staff. The summer internship allows for interns to gain experience working in outdoor /experiential education, recreation management, therapeutic recreation, and working with people with disabilities, as well as a chance to take advantage of Colorado's summer experience.

Compensation:

- Room and Board
- Extensive technical skills training
- 25 Punch pass to the Breckenridge Recreation Center
- Pro-deals (wholesale outdoor gear)

Eligibility and Requirements:

All interns must be at least twenty-one years of age, have current First Aid and CPR certification, health insurance coverage for the length of the internship and the ability to commit to an entire season. Above all, the BOEC is looking to create an intern staff that is self-motivated, takes initiative, and has some experience working with people with disabilities. It is helpful to have technical outdoor skills but, most importantly, the ability to work well with people. All interns must have a strong sense of hard work, flexibility, a love of the outdoors, an open mind and a love for working with people.

Application Procedure:

Applications can found on our website at www.boec.org/internships.

For more information please see our website or contact:

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