



## **CITY KIDS WILDERNESS PROJECT**

**POSITION:** City Kids Outdoor Adventure Program Staff, Jackson, WY

Supervisor: Camp Director

Position: Full Time Summer; Residential

Date of Employment: June 6 – August 20, 2017 (10 weeks)

June 6- July 26, 2017 (7 weeks), some positions available

### **Position Description:**

The Outdoor Adventure Program Staff works with a small team of co-workers to provide a summer adventure-based program for under-resourced youth. Our mission is to inspire confidence and leadership in children and teens from inner city Washington, D.C. We provide a multi-year experiential curriculum focusing on outdoor adventure, backcountry trips and personal growth during three 16-19 day summer sessions. Base camp is our beautiful property, Broken Arrow Ranch, in Hoback Junction just south of Jackson Hole.

***The responsibilities of Program Staff are multi-faceted and include all of the following;***

***Mentoring-*** Develop a positive, proactive relationship with participants, be a role model, facilitate team and personal growth. Encourage positive behavior, set goals, and create a safe environment for participants.

***Activity and Trip Leader-*** Responsible for planning and leading activities, journaling, camp lessons, sports, day trips, and multi-day backcountry trips with a team of co-leaders. Daily activities include team-building games, skills-building lessons, team sports, debriefs and group facilitation. Day trips include off-site day adventures, education and service trips. Multi-day backcountry trips range from 3-10 days including backpacking, canoeing, and kayaking.

***Cabin counselor-*** Responsible for the daily care, health and safety of a cabin of 4-6 campers and JET. Prepare campers for activities and trips, lead daily reflection, and night cabin activities.

***JET supervisor-*** Primary supervisor for 1-2 counselors-in-training throughout the course of the session. Provide daily feedback, correction, encouragement, support, and formal evaluations during job training program.

Staff work as a team directly with the Director and Program Directors to implement the program. This is a residential position and thereby is not limited to these stated responsibilities. Everyone at camp shares responsibility for day-to-day tasks, which are an integral part of living in a small close-knit community. Counselors have partial days and a full day off during and between sessions. Contract includes a paid 10-day staff training. Please refer to <http://citykidsdc.org/> for an understanding of our program and the children we serve.

### **Position Qualifications:**

- Experience working with children in outdoor, camp or other residential settings, trip leading preferred.
- Competence in teaching, counseling, and guiding youth, experience with at-risk youth preferred.
- Patience, initiative, enthusiasm, proactive communication style, flexibility and energy are a must.
- The ability to relate well to others and to work effectively with a variety of people.
- Cultural competency and the ability to work and collaborate in a diverse community

- General to advanced knowledge and ability in several or all of the following activities: canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, backpacking, kayaking, rock climbing, outdoor education, group dynamics, experiential education, games & initiatives, orienteering, and outdoor living.
- The ability to anticipate and manage potential hazards, both physical and emotional.
- Possession of sound judgment and the ability to manage a group effectively under stressful conditions.
- An understanding and commitment to the goals and philosophy of City Kids and experiential education.
- Knowledge of environmentally acceptable practices for backcountry living.
- Ability to provide appropriate structure, perspective and guidance in the process of program delivery.
- Be sufficiently fit to lead all activities and trips and to maintain ample energy, strength, and focus to assist students with physical and emotional obstacles.
- First aid certification appropriate to adventure and wilderness activities, to include as a minimum CPR (ARC Professional Rescuer or AHA Health Care Provider) and Wilderness First Aid (or ARC Advanced First Aid), LGT and WFR or EMT desirable.
- Valid/clean driver's license; must be over 21 years old.

**Compensation:**

\$350/week; Paid training; Outside training stipends; Workers compensation insurance; Room & Board.

**To Apply:** Please email your resume and cover letter to: [hire@citykidsdc.org](mailto:hire@citykidsdc.org), reference "Program Staff" in the title of the email.