



Internship Opportunities

Peak 7 Adventures creates first-rate backpacking, mountaineering, rock climbing, and white water rafting trips with a goal and mission to create life-changing adventures for youth and marginalized communities. We are searching for a diverse group of passionate and enthusiastic interns to facilitate these transformative experiences for the youth we serve.

As a Peak 7 guide, you will get the unique opportunity to gain outdoor leadership skills and experience while serving youth alongside an incredible community of adventure-loving guides!

If you are someone who learns quickly, meets challenges with excitement, and you have experience working with youth and people from diverse backgrounds, apply for one of our seasonal internship positions today!

We are looking for applicants who have interpersonal skills such as self-awareness, risk-management, care for others, and the ability to manage conflict, group dynamics, and activities. Flexibility and adaptability is important, as due to the nature of our trips and partnerships, your schedule may change without much notice. Seasonal internship positions require strong interpersonal skills and experience in leadership.

While outdoor experience is a plus, technical outdoor skills are not required for all positions. Interns will go through training with our guide team at the beginning of the season to ensure they are well equipped with the skills that are necessary to facilitate first rate trips.

Peak 7 Adventures is a faith-based 501(c)3 organization. We do not require interns to share our Christian faith. We serve groups of all backgrounds, faiths and creeds, and are an equal opportunity employer.

Training starts May 28, 2024, and the season runs until August 30, with a flexible end date.

All guiding positions include:

- Housing (optional)
- Meals during training and while on trips
- Wilderness First Responder training and certification
- Program-specific training such as mountaineering or raft guide school.
- The opportunity to expand your rock climbing, backcountry camping, group management, and leadership skills through our initial training time and on-the-job coaching.
- Paid interns will receive a \$1500 stipend to help cover expenses.

Peak 7 is offering TWO paid internships in 2024- one working with our Spokane team and one with our Seattle team. Each intern will receive a \$1500 stipend. Unpaid internships may also be available.

To apply, please contact Peak 7 Adventures' Operations Director, Jenny Weddle, at Jenny.weddle@peak7.org.

For more information, please visit our website at www.peak7.org.

Seattle Internship Specifics:

Interns based in Seattle may participate in 3-5 day backpacking or mountaineering trips in Olympic National Park and North Cascades National Park, as well as single day rock climbing and stand-up-paddle boarding trips. Some experience rock climbing and backpacking is preferred, but not required. You will be trained in Leave No Trace, backcountry camping, and multi-day backpacking skills, mountaineering, and will go through our Wilderness First Responder course.

Internship responsibilities include teaching participants basic rock climbing techniques and backcountry camping, leading group discussions, and facilitating Leave No Trace practices, risk management, and decision making. You will also assist with client gear check out and check in, and manage food preparation and shared gear and equipment.

Seasonal Guide Requirements:

- 18 years of age or older
- Washington State Food Handlers Permit
- Physically fit with the ability to hike and climb long distances in all weather conditions while carrying 40 lbs or more.
- Able to handle the physical, mental, and emotional challenges of working with clients and fellow guides in difficult terrain, poor weather, and for extended periods of time
- Doctor's physical within the last two years

Qualifications:

- Previous outdoor leadership experience (helpful but not required)
- Experience mountaineering, rock climbing, or backpacking
- Respect and understanding for the highly diverse cultures and populations we serve
- Able to stay positive and motivate others to overcome challenges
- Passionate about inviting others into the world of outdoor adventure.

****Our Seattle team begins training in Spokane on May 28. After WFR training completion, Seattle guides and volunteers will be staged from our summer base facility approximately 40 miles southeast of Enumclaw. Due to the remoteness and isolation, we prefer our Seattle intern to reside in the Seattle area with the ability to drive to our base as needed. Some overnights at base will be expected, but we do not expect it to be a full time resident internship.**

Spokane Internship Specifics:

Spokane area interns lead and facilitate stand-up-paddle boarding, rock climbing, camping trips, and other activities that invite first-time adventurers into the outdoor world. Applicants with previous experience in indoor or outdoor rock climbing and group leadership are preferred. Interns will go through our Wilderness First Responder course and Whitewater Raft Guide course, and will have the opportunity to continue whitewater raft guiding throughout the summer depending on ability.

Job responsibilities include instructing participants, leading group discussions, and managing the logistics and overall safety of our trips.

Seasonal Guide Requirements:

- 18 years of age or older
- Physically fit with the ability to lift and carry objects weighing up to 50 lbs
- Doctor's physical within the last two years

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Qualifications:

- Able to top-rope belay, and climb at an easy to moderate level
- Comfortable with public speaking
- Adaptable and flexible with last minute schedule and itinerary changes
- Hard worker who can self-manage and start projects
- Respect and understanding for the highly diverse cultures and populations we serve
- Able to stay positive and motivate others to overcome challenges
- Passionate about inviting others into the world of outdoor adventure.