



## Merrowvista Community and School Programs Staff Internship

### Community & School Programs at MV

Set on the shores of a crystal-clear lake tucked away in the beautiful Ossipee Mountains, Merrowvista offers year-round programs for school and community groups using experiential education methods. Our purpose is to help people achieve their personal best, build positive communities, and develop respect for self, others, and the environment through our adventure-based curriculum.

### Philosophy of the Internship

In exchange for their hard work, AYF is committed to the advancement of our interns. The philosophy behind the internship is to provide a rich learning experience through the challenge of being an effective educator in our dynamic and intentional outdoor setting. We seek to inspire our interns to discover and develop their personal best, and create an environment where they can explore their own gifts and learn skills to apply as competent leaders in whatever field they choose to pursue.

### Ideal Applicants

We are looking for caring, energetic people who are invested in working with youth, and committed to fostering growth within themselves and those around them. Our team is strongest when it is comprised of passionate, creative, and adventurous people.

#### Applicants must:

- be 21 years of age & have one year of higher education or equivalent experience
- be First Aid and CPR certified throughout the duration of the position
- have a valid driver's license and clean driving record
- be able to lead two mile hikes in the mountains and lift over 25 lbs.
- have experience working in the outdoors and with youth
- all-inclusive training program provided, therefore **previous facilitation experience is not required.**

#### Beneficial experience:

ropes courses, environmental education, summer camps, outdoor programs, wilderness medicine certification

#### Responsibilities:

**when facilitating a program (most frequent role):** leading experiential, environmental, and recreational group activities, leading discussions, managing safety and learning on ropes courses

**when coordinating a program (up to twice per semester):** pre-program communications, creating schedules, prep lists, and briefings, managing fellow staff, and leading post-program debriefs

**when supporting a program (several times per semester):** supporting program objectives by preparing program spaces for use, hanging climbing ropes, delivering materials to facilitators, leading or supporting program activities

**non-program responsibilities & opportunities:** program area preparation and closure, possible independent and collaborative projects to advance AYF, staff development workshops, off-site development opportunities, regional conferences

#### Compensation:

- \$300.00 per week (\$180.00 health insurance premium is also available)
- room and board (meals will be provided when there is program)
- pro-deals on 300+ outdoor gear brands

#### Internship dates:

- Fall Semester Internship: August 20, 2018 – November 19, 2018
- Full-year Internship: Fall Semester + Spring Semester (mid-January – June 2019) \*note winter break

