



## Merrowvista Community and School Programs Internship

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

The American Youth Foundation is committed to the professional advancement of our interns. This internship is meant to provide a rich learning experience as an effective educator in our dynamic and intentional outdoor programming. 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 as competent leaders in their careers.

### Ideal Applicants

We are looking for caring, energetic people invested in working with youth and committed to fostering growth in themselves and others. Our team is strongest comprised of passionate, creative, and adventurous people.

### Applicants must:

- be 21 and have one year of higher education or equivalent experience
- have experience working in the outdoors and with youth
- be able to lead two-mile hikes in the mountains and lift over 25 pounds
- be first aid and CPR-certified
- have a valid driver's license and clean driving record

The internship training program is all-inclusive, so **previous facilitation experience is not required**. Beneficial experience can include ropes courses, environmental education, summer camps, outdoor programs, and/or 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 and opportunities:** program area preparation and closure, possible independent and collaborative projects to advance AYF, staff development workshops, off-site development opportunities, regional conferences

### Compensation:

- \$600 per week (\$180 health insurance premium is also available)
- Housing provided (meals will be provided when there is program)
- Pro-deals on 300+ outdoor gear brands

### Internship dates:

- Fall Semester: approximately August 22 to November 12 (final dates pending)

