

Job Title: Program Instructor Internship

Job Summary: Our internship position is designed to provide students an opportunity to apply and explore knowledge, skills and attitudes developed during the academic experience. It is also aimed at helping students gain experience in the field while making a smooth transition from the classroom into full-time employment.

During the spring and fall interns will teach outdoor lessons in Environmental Literacy & Place-based Ecology (forest, wetland, karstlands, wildlife etc.), Challenge Course and Personal Development (teambuilding, low / high ropes course, etc.), and Outdoor Adventure Education (canoeing, hiking / backpacking, caving, rock climbing, wilderness skills, orienteering etc.) to participants primarily in grades K - 12. Interns will also have the opportunity to apply for summer employment with Camp Horizons.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Candidates must be at least 18 years old and must have completed one year of college in accordance with American Camping Association standards.
- A desire for teaching / working with children and leading outdoor adventure or environmental education programs;
- Certifications in First Aid and CPR are required by the starting date;
- Desire and willingness to work in a natural camp setting in a variety of weather conditions;
- Ability to work irregular hours.

Benefits:

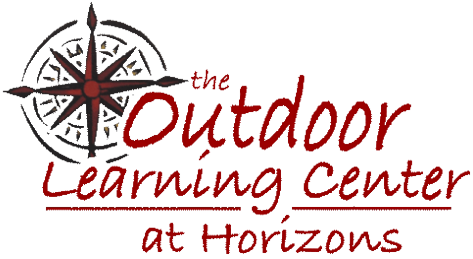
- \$Paid
- 3 month seasonal contract
- Over 80 hours of training
- Meals during programs
- Potential to earn College Credit
- Positive work environment

Dates of Employment:

March 30th to June 26, 2015 &
August 30th to November 15, 2015

To Apply: All candidates must complete an official Application for Employment.

Internship positions will also include a copy of university/college transcripts

**Overview:**

The Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) is an outdoor classroom and residential camp for schools and other organizations throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Open March through June and August through November, OLC programs are meant to expand and enhance classroom learning opportunities while offering tremendous field-based learning in areas such as environmental studies, outdoor education, and leadership and community building.

The OLC manages programs from two locations. Camp Horizons in Harrisonburg, VA is situated on 300 acres at the base of the Massanutten Mountain and the Mountain Campus in Luray, VA is situated on 130 acres bordering the Shenandoah National Park. Both of our scenic campuses provide the ideal environment for participants to relax, take healthy risks, challenge themselves, forge new friendships and learn about the natural world. Dedicated to outdoor education, our camp has been offering quality day and residential programs for over 30 years.

Mission

Our mission at the Outdoor Learning Center is to provide programs with variety, flexibility, and fun that allows for the discovery of self-knowledge, builds community, nurtures confidence and fosters an appreciation for our environment. The Outdoor Learning Center fulfills this mission by creating a rich educational experience in a physically safe, emotionally supportive, and fun-filled environment.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS – Throw Open the Doors of your Classroom!

The Outdoor Learning Center school programs unite classroom disciplines and outdoor education with the spontaneity of exploration and cooperation. It brings intangible skills to life through problem solving, effective communication, leadership initiatives, and community spirit. The students will also play an active role in the learning process through “challenge by choice,” a philosophy that encourages them to participate in challenging activities but respects personal goals. We work with individual teachers to identify the needs and desired outcomes of each class; the program for every group is a custom design.

SCOUT PROGRAMS – Shaping tomorrow’s leaders!

As an approved [equestrian center and high adventure vendor](#) the OLC is dedicated to providing encampments and troop programs that blend experiential learning with outdoor and environmental education to create a unique, engaging, hands-on experience for all scouts. Whether you are looking to build girls of courage, confidence and character or boys who live by the scout law we’re here to help.

RETREAT PROGRAMS – Your Adventure Begins Now!

Whether you’re planning a retreat for a church youth group, building cohesiveness among your management team or looking for an adventure outing for your homeschool co-op, university group or sports team, the OLC at Horizons offers customized programs designed specifically for you and your group. We can accommodate up to 250 people.