

Job Description (update 2010)

Youth Program Apprentice Mentor



Essential Functions:

Applicant must be willing to undergo physical aspects of program, including hiking, backpacking, shelter building, cooking and ensuring safety by supervising participants and upholding Journey's policies and procedures.

Must function as a participating member of the three-person staff team and engage in collaborative planning sessions with other staff teams.

Knowledge:

- ✓ Current Basic First Aid and CPR Certification (these can be obtained at Red Cross)

Skills:

- ✓ Self-care in Wilderness settings,
- ✓ And strong communication skills, both individually and in group settings.

Abilities:

- ✓ Must be comfortable in wilderness settings and have competence in self-care in extreme weather conditions ranging from hot to cold, wet to dry, snowy, etc.,
- ✓ Must be patient and flexible,
- ✓ Must be open to feedback, mentoring and eager to learn and grow as an educator,
- ✓ And able to distinguish between personal needs and the identified outcomes of program and participant needs.

Requirements:

- ✓ Must be 18 years of age,
- ✓ or a graduate of our "The Journeys Continues" alumni program,
- ✓ and must be physically able to undergo the activities of the program.

Preferred Skills and Abilities:

- ✓ Strong outdoor leadership skills,
- ✓ Experience facilitating or participating in rituals or Rite of Passage experiences,
- ✓ Participation in Journeys' programs (ie: Adult Quest, Creating Soulful Ritual, etc.),
- ✓ And Experience working with youth.

Physical Work Conditions:

- ✓ Extreme weather variations related to living outdoors for one to three weeks at a time, including but not limited to cold, wet, hot, lightning, etc.,
- ✓ Carrying a 50-lb. backpack one to ten miles per day,
- ✓ And being "on" 24-hours per day during prep days and while on course.