

ROCK RIDGE 2017 SUMMER STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

Rock Ridge Trail Guide Description

The Rock Ridge Trail Guide position is a unique experience. It allows individuals to become proficient in primitive wilderness camping and Christian leadership. Guides will facilitate groups of up to eight people through Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness on weeklong voyages or during a week of Adventure Camp based out of camp while groups take a new adventure each day including rock climbing, canoeing, hiking and more. While on trail, Guides will help groups engage in nature, grow in faith, and share with one another. Guides will be relating with and leading a wide range of people including Christians of varying denominations and non-Christians, as well as various age groups, ethnicities, and backgrounds. Each Trail Guide will facilitate three to five trips per season, in addition to a staff-training trip. The trip schedule will most often alternate between one week spent on trail and the next at the base camp. The off trail time is spent preparing for upcoming trips, resting, and participating in the base camp community. While an enthusiasm and interest in outdoor living is essential, it is not necessary to possess wilderness experience prior to working with Rock Ridge. Trail Guides go through an extensive training process to learn all the necessary skills.

Working at Rock Ridge also gives you the opportunity to live for an extended period of time in relative simplicity. Rock Ridge Staff will live at the base camp, located near Ely, MN, for the duration of the summer, from late May to mid August. Guides will receive room and board, as well as \$135 per week. You will also have the opportunity to buy gear with our discounted pro deals.

Responsibilities

- Completion of application and references from three qualified sources.
- Completion of all training requirements
- Preparation for each trip which entails learning about group needs and goals, creation of a route and schedule, and creation of Bible studies, discussion topics, and other spiritual content.
- Navigation of groups through the BWCA on weeklong excursions.
- Leading groups on day trips during Adventure Camp.
- Facilitation of Bible studies and discussions on trail.
- Learning of all processes and procedures dealing with group safety, emergency situations, equipment maintenance, etc.
- Participation in the community that is created between the staff throughout the summer at base camp.
- Help with base camp maintenance and upkeep while off trail.
- Help with the process of bringing groups off trail and launching the next trips each weekend.

Qualifications

- Minimum of 19 years old.
- Eagerly moving in the direction of Christian maturity and living a life worthy of being imitated.
- Christian leadership experience.
- Confident in one's ability to lead diverse groups of people
- Adventurous spirit
- Flexible
- Willing to relinquish normal physical comforts and conveniences
- Ability to manage conflict
- Organizational skills
- Ability to work in a team
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification prior to coming to Rock Ridge

Base Camp / Maintenance

The main focus of this position will be assisting the director in base camp maintenance including, but not limited to mowing the ball field, maintaining cabins, cutting wood, organizing work groups, raking and much more.

You will also be asked to help just about wherever is needed: transporting groups to and from entry points, helping with programming, high ropes and rock climbing, helping guides get ready for trip, etc. There are many other opportunities depending on where you feel comfortable.

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Responsibilities

- Completion of application and references from three qualified sources.
- Completion of all training requirements
- Camp maintenance
- Helping out where needed, whether it's maintenance, kitchen, guides, programming, etc
- Participation in the community that is created between the staff throughout the summer at base camp.
- Help with the process of bringing groups off trail and launching the next trips each weekend.

Qualifications

- Minimum of 18 years old.
- Eagerly moving in the direction of Christian maturity and living a life worthy of being imitated.
- Christian leadership experience.
- Flexible
- Willing to relinquish normal physical comforts and conveniences
- Ability to manage conflict
- Organizational skills
- Ability to work in a team

Kitchen Supervisor

This person's main responsibility will be in the kitchen with a focus on making meals for in-base groups and staff. Meals can range anywhere from 5 – 75 people. Other responsibilities will be managing staff and volunteers in the kitchen, making and dehydrating food for canoe trips, and managing inventory. You will also have opportunities to help out with programming, worship and being around campers. Working at Rock Ridge gives you the opportunity to live for an extended period of time in relative simplicity. Rock Ridge Staff will live at the base camp, located near Ely, MN, for the duration of the summer, from late May to mid August. Kitchen Supervisor will receive room and board, as well as \$145 per week. You will also have the opportunity to buy gear with our discounted pro deals.

Responsibilities

- Cooking meals for groups of 5 - 75
- Organizing leftovers and meals for staff
- Managing the Kitchen (ie. Cleaning, organizing, inventory)
- Completion of application and references from three qualified sources.
- Completion of all training requirements.
- Participation in the community that is created between the staff throughout the summer at base camp.

Qualifications

- Minimum of 18 years old.
- Commercial kitchen experience is desired, but not necessary
- Eagerly moving in the direction of Christian maturity and living a life worthy of being imitated.
- Christian leadership experience.
- Flexible
- Willing to relinquish normal physical comforts and conveniences
- Ability to manage conflict
- Organizational skills
- Ability to work in a team

Guide in Training (GIT)

(Ages 15-19)

GIT's get to experience 4 weeks of amazingness. Week one is spent with the other GIT's on a canoe trip in the BWCA. You will then spend two weeks of serving at base camp, cleaning cabins, helping in the kitchen, helping with maintenance work, programming, and being part of the staff at base camp. Your fourth week will be spent co-guiding either a canoe trip or a week of adventure camp with one of the trail guides. Weeks 2-4 are in no particular order. The fee for participation is \$250 per session and includes room, board and meals. The two sessions available are:

_____ Session 1: June 4th thru July 1st

_____ Session 2: July 9th thru Aug 5th

Responsibilities

- Completion of application and references from three qualified sources.
- Having fun while being challenged on a canoe trip with your GIT leader
- Helping out around basecamp with other GIT's, staff and volunteers
- A week of co-guiding with one of the Trail Guides
- Assisting with skits, worship, games and other programming at camp
- Participation in the community that is created between the staff throughout the summer at base camp.

Qualifications

- 15 - 19 years old
- Eagerly moving in the direction of Christian maturity and living a life worthy of being imitated.
- A desire to be a Christian leader
- Adventurous spirit
- Flexible
- Willing to relinquish normal physical comforts and conveniences
- Ability to work in a team

Junior Guide

After completing the GIT program, youth can apply to be a Junior Guide. Junior guides spend 8 weeks serving at camp. Junior Guides will participate in both of the GIT Boundary Waters Trips and have an opportunity to co-lead a trip with a guide. As a Junior Guide, you will participate in leadership and discipleship sessions; serve at base camp by prepping for trips, cleaning cabins, and helping in other base camp tasks.

Responsibilities

- Completion of application and references from three qualified sources.
- Having fun while being challenged on two canoe trips lead by the junior staff leader.
- Helping out around basecamp with other GIT's, staff and volunteers
- A week of co-guiding with one of the Trail Guides
- Assisting with skits, worship, games and other programming at camp
- Participation in the community that is created between the staff throughout the summer at base camp.

Qualifications

- 15 - 19 years old
- Completion of the GIT program
- Eagerly moving in the direction of Christian maturity and living a life worthy of being imitated.
- A desire to be a Christian leader
- Adventurous spirit
- Flexible
- Willing to relinquish normal physical comforts and conveniences
- Ability to work in a team