

# Outdoor Pursuits Graduate Assistant – Challenge Course

## Campus Recreation Department

### Stephen F. Austin State University

#### **Summary:**

Campus Recreation is committed to developing a culture of Lumberjack wellness through excellent facilities and inclusive experiences in adventure, fitness, sport, and play. The Outdoor Pursuits Graduate Assistant creates, administers and supervises challenge course programming; and assists with rock wall programming, outdoor equipment rental, and trip programming (as needed) for SFA students, faculty and staff.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Recruit, select, train, supervise and evaluate student Outdoor Pursuits staff
- Assist in the creation and management of the in-house training of challenge course facilitators and challenge course managers. *This position will require frequent weekend work.*
- Plan, implement, and supervise challenge course programming
- Assist with the oversight of outdoor pursuits programming and facilities (trips, rock wall, rental center)
- Maintain accurate fiscal, payroll, participation, incident and accident reports
- Assist in the research, purchase, storage, distribution, repair and inventory of equipment
- Assist in the creation and administration of Outdoor Pursuits educational programming
- Serves as the supervising staff member on duty for the overall management of all staff, programs and campus recreation facilities on a rotating basis
- Duties include *an average* of 20 hours of work per week
- Drive university vehicles, at times with a trailer, upon request (must have valid Texas Driver's License or obtain upon hire)
- Serve on departmental committees as needed
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Assistant Director of Outdoor Pursuits

#### **Qualifications:**

*Required:* Bachelor's degree in Recreation, Outdoor Education, Kinesiology or related field. Acceptance into an SFA graduate program. A valid Texas Driver's License or obtain upon hire. Demonstrated management skills including strong interpersonal and organizational communication skills. Documented experience facilitating groups of all ages and sizes, on low and high elements. Must have the physical stamina/strength to teach and participate in programming. Required certification (or the ability to obtain within three months of hire): American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer.

*Preferred:* Management experience within a campus recreation or outdoor adventure education program. A desire to enter a recreation related field. Experience training and supervising challenge course facilitators. Knowledge of student learning and student development theories strongly desired. Knowledge of ACCT Standards, Challenge Course inspection and maintenance experience. ACCT Level II or Challenge Course Manager Certification.

**Position Duration:** Nine month, renewable, at-will position; Average 20 hours per week, summer employment available, start date negotiable

**Compensation:** \$1,300/ month, health benefits available, out of state tuition waiver, professional development allowance

**Applications:** Please send resume and cover letters to the Director of SFA Campus Recreation.