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Peak! Instructor Employment Application

© Carefully read entire application prior to providing answers. Print neatly or type so we can read it easily. Call with questions.

© Provide All information requested. (.e.g. - DO NOT write "see my resume" anywhere on this application)

- Also, include a letter of introduction and a current typed resume.
- We recognize that this is a rather detailed request for information pertaining to your professional experience and work habits. It will be used to thoroughly review your experience and background and to help ensure that our clients *and* our staff work only with qualified, caring and professional outdoor educators. It is important to Peak! that we thoroughly screen each applicant because each employee directly represents our company to the public. After we receive your application materials, we will call you to arrange an interview on an as-needed basis. Thank you for taking the time and care to complete this application.
- Peak! hires, retains, and promotes employees based on Peaks! needs, and the employee's (self assessed and tested) skills, experience, performance, reliability and availability.
- Peak!is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on race, skin color, gender, religious beliefs, national origin, physical disability, age, affinity orientation or marital status.

About the Peak! Outdoor Programs and Work Environment

- Peak! outdoor educators use experiential teaching methods. These are often different from traditional classroom teaching methods. Many of the goals of our courses have to do with learning new skills and expanding an individual's awareness of self and others. Goals that, when attained, increase self-confidence and group functioning, the benefits of which can be adapted to life at school, work and home after the course. Instructors present situations wherein participants and chaperones learn new skills and then have the opportunity to practice and apply them. Time is allowed for individual reflection, and then the group spends time discussing what they have done and learned. During the experiential learning process, students may express frustration or be very pleased with the acquisition and application of their new skills. Sometimes we can forget that making mistakes is an integral part of the learning process and that success may be defined in many ways. We present experiential learning as a process that includes being challenged, constructive practice, having fun with friends and peers, and discussing what we have learned to better remember the lesson. We encourage our staff and clients alike to bring an open mind, patience and an eagerness to learn. With that said, our "bottom line" regarding the experiential teaching/learning process is this: Peak! Field Staff should manage the risks so as not to allow students to make mistakes which will endanger themselves (physically or emotionally) or the environment.
- Peak! outdoor courses are generally conducted "Expedition Style." In other words, Peak! Field Staff, client participants and chaperones are expected to contribute to the well being of the entire group. Peak! Field Staff lead by example and actively encourage everyone to participate in common duties (e.g. cooking, cleaning up, helping to lead hikes and generally watching out for themselves and each other). We like to think of this idea as being an extension of the community that we comprise when we unite to attain common goals.
- All field staff are hired temporarily on a course-by-course basis. Courses are from one to ten days in duration.

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- Peak! works with a variety of populations including elementary, middle and high school students, collegians, groups of business administrators and managers and other special interest groups comprised of children and adults.
- If clients are able to provide adult chaperones, there is generally one chaperone per 10-12 students (if the students are minors).

Requirements

This job requires individuals who work well with others, are service oriented, and who like to share their enthusiasm for and knowledge of nature and outdoor pursuits. Instructors must be comfortable enough outdoors so that they can competently stay aware of the needs and well being of clients during stressful weather, environmental, emotional and physical conditions. This job requires above average oral communication skills, the ability to take and give constructive feedback well, awareness of group dynamics and appropriate response, the ability to facilitate students through initiative and problem solving activities and conflict resolution.

For our basecamp and backpacking courses Instructors need to have a knowledge of and experience teaching basic ecology concepts and ability to interpret natural history are required. Good planning and organization ability is mandatory. Individuals must be able to lift a ~50 lb. pack and hike with it all day, spend multiple days outdoors in all weather conditions and work long hours. We are looking for people who are creative, think for themselves and have developed good judgment concerning their own and other's limits.

Peak! is interested in individuals who actively show concern for their own continuing education. Towards this end, Peak! will show preference to those field staff who stay abreast of current developments and changes in technology and procedures in the profession of experiential and adventure education. This must be an individual effort, including, but not limited to: employment by other outdoor, experiential or adventure education companies, continuing related education (workshops, classes, seminars, trainings, and conferences), personal reading and research, and membership to related associations (e.g. AEE, AEOE, ACCT, ACA etc.). Peak! employees are required to update their resume annually to reflect current

Peak! requires Instructors to have current certifications in a minimum of Basic First Aid and CPR. Wilderness First Responder is preferred for Instructors that will be working basecamp, backpack and river related programs.

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	PLEASE PRINT	LEGIBLY OR TYPE	
Full Name			
Phone			
Street/POB			
City, State Zip			
Are you legally entitled to work in the	United States?	□ Yes □ No	
How were you referred to Peak!?	☐ Advertisement (Where?)	☐ Other Source, please
describe/name:			
	☐ By an Employee, if so, g	ive name:	
Emergency Medical Training:	Expiration Mo./Yr.	What company?	
☐ Wilderness First Responder		\square Wilderness Medicine Institute	
☐ Emergency Medical Technician		\square Wilderness Medical Associates	
☐ Wilderness Advanced First Aid		☐ American Red Cross	
☐ Basic First Aid		☐ Other	
Driver's License Number	State	Expiration Date:	
In the past five years, have you been of drugs or drunk driving offenses? Are		nan minor offenses or misdemeanors, inc gainst you? If yes, please explain.	luding sex-related, child abuse,
List foreign languages spoken/read an	d qualify: Travel/Survival	Conversational Fluent	
If you are hired, when can you start w	ork?		
Educational History: Include high sch	ool, college, graduate & additi	onal.	
School Name	Location (city/state)	Major course	Dates
Attended/Graduated?	Degree	or subject	from - to
		perience you have acquired. Include atten	dance dates and expiration dates
if applicable. (E.g. WSI, ACA Canoei	ng Cert., Ropes Crs, LN1, NC	DLS/OB Inst. Of OE Crses, etc.)	

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<u>Employment History</u>: Complete this section of the application although you will also attach your resume. Starting with present or most recent, list your LAST 4 PREVIOUS OUTDOOR, ADVENTURE OR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION EMPLOYERS. List significant job title & responsibility changes/promotions within same company as separate entries.

Company Name & Phone	
Supervisor's Name & Title	
Your Job Title & Responsibilities	
Daily Wage \$ or Hourly Wage \$	or Weekly Salary \$
Reason for Leaving	
Dates of Employment	
Total Number of Field Days	
Company Name & Phone	
Supervisor's Name & Title	
Your Job Title & Responsibilities	
Daily Wage \$ or Hourly Wage \$	or Weekly Salary \$
Reason for Leaving	
Dates of Employment	
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Total Number of Field Days	

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Briefly, describe your personal and professional experience in the following:						
• Working with Young People						
• Basic Ecology and Natural History Interpretation (personal knowledge & teaching experience)						
• Facilitation (knowledge of group dynamics, framing, processing experience)						
• Rock Climbing (Include level you can currently lead. Have you guided professionally?)						
• High Ropes, Low Ropes, Ground-based Initiatives						
• Topographical Map & Compass Use						

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• Leading Campfire/Evening Activities for Large Groups

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Please indicate your current level in the following self-awareness, personal knowledge, skill and work habit categories:					
	Needs				
	Improvement	Satisfactory	Excellent		
Sense of Responsibility					
Sense of Initiative					
Ability to Work Well With Others					
Ability to Set Personal Matters Aside During Work					
Flexibility					
Promptness					
Efficiency					
Organization & Planning Skill					
Ability to Give Constructive Feedback					
Ability to Accept Constructive Feedback					
Ability to Follow Directions					
Ability to Follow Policy & Procedure					
Awareness of Your Moods					
Ability to Be Decisive in Moments of Stress					
Ability to Admit and Learn from Your Mistakes					
Ability to Take Care of Yourself (Emotionally & Physically)					
React Effectively in Situations of Stress and Emergency					
Knowledge of Basic Search & Rescue					
Personal Swimming Ability					

Please indicate your experience:					
	No	Less than	More than	More than	Number
Ex	perienc	e One Year	One Year	Two Years	of Years
General Teaching					
Facilitation of Groups Outdoors					
Processing and Debriefing with Groups					
Outdoor Lesson Planning					
Ability to Keep Novices Comfortable Outdoors					
Group Trail Leadership					
Backcountry Judgment					
Weather Observation/Prediction					
Leading Campfire Activities					
Conducting Basic Search & Rescue Procedures					
Placing Top Rope Rock Climbing Anchors					
Managing a Multi-User Top Rope Rock Climbin	ng Site				
Outboard Motor Boat Operation					
Inboard Motor Boat Operation					

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Please indicate your teaching experience and competence in the following areas:							
For each skill/trait place an "X" in the appropriate box and then write a letter to the right of the box to indicate: A = Can Instruct this subject alone M = Can Currently Assist in Instruction or Z = Can NOT Currently Assist or Instruct this subject. We are looking for specific information as to the duration and confidence in your teaching experience. Remember that Peak! offers these skills to clients at the entry /basic/fundamental/introductory level.							
	No Less than More than More than Number						
	perience	One Year	One Year	Two Years	of Years		
Basic Ecological Concepts							
Mountain Natural History							
Desert Natural History							
Ocean/Island/Tidal Zone Natural History							
Riparian Natural History							
Geology							
Astronomy							
Plant Identification & Adaptations							
Bird Identification & Adaptations							
Reptile Identification & Adaptations							
Mammal Identification & Adaptations							
Native American Cultural History							
Leave No Trace/Minimum Impact Techniques							
3-Season Campcraft Skills							
Trail Cooking & Baking Skills							
Topographic Map Navigation Skills							
Compass Navigation Skills							
Rock Climbing Skills							
Canoeing Skills							
Sea Kayaking Skills							
Whitewater Kayaking Skills							
Whitewater Rafting Skills							
Backpacking Skills							
Winter Campcraft Skills							
Snow Shoeing Skills							
Cross-country Skiing Skills							
Initiatives & Problem Solving Activity Facilitation							
Low Ropes Course Facilitation							

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High Ropes Course Facilitation

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- 1. What personal strengths, special skills or fields of knowledge do you possess which might be an asset to our program? Please explain.
- 2. What interests you most about this job?
- 3. Describe your leadership style.
- 4. Please comment on the factors that you consider important when facilitating a group processing experience.
- 5. Some of our programs involve logistics and service projects performed for land managers. These projects sometimes require a wide range of mechanical and construction skills. Please describe any experience, training, or abilities you possess in the areas of carpentry, trail maintenance, auto mechanics, etc.
- 6. Comment on ①risk management as it pertains to outdoor programs in general and ②your personal philosophy as a risk manager related to your supervision and leadership of groups outdoors.
- 7. Describe your most commonly used methods for handling discipline problems in a group facilitation situation. Why you feel that these methods are successful?
- 8. Describe the most critical medical emergency you have had to deal with as a caregiver in a remote setting.
- 9. What do you consider some of the most important aspects of being part of a team or community of people?
- 10. What are the areas in which you would like to grow or improve professionally?
- 11. Is there anything that has not been discussed about your qualifications that you would like to mention? Do you have any questions about Peak! that remained unanswered?
- 12. Please provide a copy of a teaching outline or lesson plan that you wrote and successfully used in the field.

Please send the enclosed reference forms to three individuals (preferably past employers) who have
observed your teaching, facilitation, risk management and outdoor skills. Record their Name, Title,
Organization & Phone Number here:

- I hereby certify that all the answers and other information on this application (and attached sheets) are provided by me and are true and correct *and* that any misrepresentation or omission of facts on my part will be justification for separation from Peaks! service, if employed.
- **2** I understand the information provided in this application.
- 3 I give my permission for Peak! to conduct background investigations and reference checks into my education, past employment, driving, and criminal records.
- **1** If employed by Peak!, I understand that my continued employment will be contingent upon successful completion of tests, receipt of a copy of current emergency medical and CPR certifications, driver's license, verification of birth, resume and any other pertinent information bearing upon my employment, periodic and on-going performance evaluations, and the will of the company and myself.

Signature Date

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Instructor Employment Reference

Hello:	h	as a nnli ad t	o us for amploym	ant That	have listed you as a refe	ranga and
we would appreciate your response to the followin possible. Thank you very much for your time.						
Instructor Job Description Instructors are responsible for supervising and teach outdoor skills, including, but not limited to: accident environmental impact techniques, use of map and of Instructor facilitation of problem solving and initiate all day with their students and sleep near them at nice, driving company-owned, rented and loaned version food; loading and unloading gear and food from versisks and group dynamics and respond appropriated management techniques, and minimum environment.	nt prevention compass, basive activities ight to ensu hicles; field hicles). It is ly. Every Po	on and risk reackpacking, soccurs on re timely real gear maint at the Instructeak course is	management, cam hiking, canoeing, almost every prog sponse in case of enance, repair, in tor's responsibilit ncludes instructio	ping, Leaver rock clim gram. On the emergency wentory are to maint in expect	we No Trace/minimum bing, and high/low ropes of multi-day courses Instructory. This job includes logistical ad storing; buying and prejain a high awareness of potentials.	course. ors spend ical duties, paring otential , risk
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 How long have you known the applicant? Please tell us your relationship with the applicant applicant left your employment if would you re-employ applicant?	pplicant Fno longer S □NO (ndicate you	employed_ If no, pleas	•	nder comm	nents.)	lities:
0	NOT BSERVED	ENTRY LEVEL	SATISFACTORY	VERY CAPABLE	OUTSTANDING	
COMMUNICATION/FACILITATION Role model for co-workers and participants in the area of interpersonal skills (effective communicator, able to read group dynamics, able to frame, conduct and process initiative/ropes elements, sequence events, conflict resolution). Give/receive constructive feedback. Easily approachable by clients and participants. Uses knowledge of group dynamics and facil techniques to form effective groups, build cohesion and enhance		ioning.				
RISK MANAGEMENT Displays sound judgment and a proactive attitude toward personal and group accident prevention and risk management. Puts emotional and physical well-being of participants first when making decisions. Follows operating procedures and program policies. Manages groups well during crises.						
GENERAL TEACHING Can convey complex ideas simply. Patient, articulate and possesses skills necessary to instruct clearly. Can work from						
a written lesson plan. Able to create own lesson plans. ECOLOGY/NATURAL HISTORY Known begin coolegy and can interrect both natural history and	l anglacioni -					
Knows basic ecology and can interpret both natural history and NAVIGATION Able to utilize & teach map & compass skills Proficient in back						

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	NOT OBSERVED	ENTRY LEVEL	SATISFACTORY	VERY CAPABLE	OUTSTANDING		
WILDERNESS & CAMPCRAFT SKILLS	П	П	П				
Personally comfortable and able to supervise beginners in a remote camping environment. Proficient in Leave No Trace/minimum impact skills. Able to teach. Knowledgeable of seasons and weather.							
ROCKCRAFT SKILLS Proficient in selecting and setting anchor placements and managing group top-rope climbing site.							
FLATWATER CANOEING SKILLS Proficient and able to instruct these techniques.							
WHITEWATER KAYAKING/RAFTING SKILLS Proficient and able to instruct these techniques.	<u>s</u> 🗆						
EMOTIONAL MATURITY & STABILITY Well balanced actions & judgments in meeting daily living obligations and unusual, difficult or emergency situations. Maintains self control, not easily disturbed or shaken.							
TRUSTWORTHINESS & HONESTY Can be trusted without exception. Honest in personal							
RESPONSIBILITY Seek and accepts responsibility, take initiative to begin							
tasks without being asked. Works well without supervision. INITIATIVE Has energy and motivation, pursues personal growth/							
skills improvement, seeks personal/program advancement. COOPERATION							
Able to work well with others. FLEXIBILITY							
Adapts well to changes in plans or working environment. OVERALL SUITABILITY FOR THIS POSITION							
As a role model for teens, a teacher, a supervisor and a co-worker; how well do you think the applicant is suited for the position as you perceive it from the information provided? 6. What are the applicant's greatest strengths and the greatest opportunities for improvement concerning this position?							
7. Do you have any personal knowledge of any behavior, activities or associations that would indicate that this person is not honest, trustworthy, reliable and of good character or which would adversely affect this person's performance or judgement?							
8. I recommend hiring without reservation. I recommend hiring with some reservation. I do not recommend this applicant be hired.							
COMMENTS: Would you like to make any additional comments regarding the applicant's dependability, creativity, punctuality, perseverance, emotional stability, sense of humor, discipline, etc.?							
Please Print Your Name & Title:							
Your Organization & Phone Number							
Your Signature							