ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB

The Adirondack Mountain Club is a diverse organization with a threefold program of conservation, education and recreation. As the organization is diverse so are the job responsibilities of its staff and volunteers. This partnership between staff and volunteers is based on trust, respect and a mutual understanding of these responsibilities. The individual employee goals and responsibilities are outlined in the following job description:

POSITION: Summer Naturalist Intern

LOCATION: Adirondak Loj & Heart Lake Program Center, Lake Placid, NY

RESPONSIBLE TO/ EVALUATED BY: Outreach Coordinator, Education Director

TEAM COORDINATION WITH: Education Department

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Summer Naturalist Internship with ADK is an excellent opportunity to learn and gain experience creating and conducting natural history programs, promoting responsible recreation and Leave No Trace; and environmental education programs for children and adults.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Intern assumes a diversity of responsibilities including: elementary school outreach programming, serving as a summit host on Mt. Jo; developing environmental education and evening programs; public presentations; guided hikes; community outreach; development and maintenance of self-guided trails; managing and staffing the Heart Lake Natural History Museum; and exhibit development. Opportunities for special projects in exhibit design; flora/fauna inventory; interpretation; outdoor recreation; and visitor studies are available during the season.

CANDIDATE PROFILE:

- Educational background in environmental education/interpretation, natural history, natural sciences or related field.
- Previous experience working in education, outdoor recreation, or a nature/visitor center
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, public speaking, professionalism, and outdoor leadership
- Ability to work both independently and as a team member
- High level of organizational skills to effectively plan, teach, and administer the diverse demands of the job, and keep detailed records
- Motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and willing to work with people of all ages
- Familiarity with the Adirondacks a plus and love of the outdoors a MUST!
- Must attend an institution of learning with courses leading to a degree, certificate or diploma

POSITION DATES: Mid May – Late August
CLASSIFICATION AND WORK SCHEDULE:

- Varies depending on programming; 44 hours/week
- Non-exempt
- Seasonal

COMPENSATION: Stipend: $200/week, full room (rustic!) and board, academic credit, extensive training and certifications, opportunity to attend ADK workshops w/out charge, opportunity to spend the summer in an incredibly beautiful place!