



WYOMING CATHOLIC COLLEGE
SUMMER JOB DESCRIPTION
Summer Field Instructor



Job Title: Summer Field Instructor

Department: COR Expeditions

Compensation: \$70-\$100/day, depending on experience and trip role

Reports to: Dr. Thomas Zimmer

Work Schedule: Extensive 24/7 time in the backcountry. In the frontcountry, morning, evening, and weekend hours, driving and travel will be required. Employee availability and COR course enrollment will dictate instructor's course load and duration of employment.

About the Program: COR Expeditions is the wilderness ministry outreach of Wyoming Catholic College in Lander, Wyoming. COR was born from the success of WCC's Outdoor Leadership Program. COR is fundamentally oriented towards sharing the spiritual and leadership goals of this program with a wider audience beyond the college community and becoming the premier Catholic wilderness ministry through its adherence to the professional and safety standards of the outdoor industry. COR works with a variety of programs, including youth groups, seminaries, high schools, colleges, and young adult groups, as well as running its own wilderness trips.

Essential Functions/Primary Job Responsibilities:

1. **Instruct various outdoor trips for COR Expeditions** including, but not limited to, backpacking, canyoneering, rock climbing, and river trips.
2. **Work with full-time staff** to coordinate travel plans, gear needs, and other logistics for COR and WCC trips and ensure that registration paperwork, health forms, and payment have been received for each trip.
3. **Maintain a clean and organized equipment center** and work with the logistics staff on gear maintenance, ordering gear as needed, allocating and packing gear for trips, and de-issuing, cleaning, sorting, and putting away gear after trips.
4. **Professionally represent the goals of COR and the WCC Outdoor Program** to all clients, student groups, and others with whom you come in contact.
5. **Maintain a high level of physical fitness** while employed, adequate not only for the demands of the average course, but also sufficient to carry a 60-100 lb. pack and facilitate a rescue or evacuation.

Additional Functions/Responsibilities:

1. **Lead technical activities for the PEAK high school program**, as needed.
2. **Lead technical activities at the COR Ranch** and assist as needed with general operations such as opening and cleaning up the property after the winter and coordinating outdoor adventure activities.
3. **Plan and organize outdoor trips** for various groups: plan the route, apply for backcountry permits and camping reservations, organize rental equipment, coordinate travel for students and instructors, plan food menus, design trip-specific curriculum, etc.



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Minimum Requirements:

- **Ministry Experience:** A COR Instructor primarily provides trips for Catholic organizations and Catholic clientele. It is therefore imperative that this person not only lives his or her Catholic faith but is able and excited to share his or her faith with others. Many of these trips are designed to evangelize participants through God's First Book. A background and previous coursework in Catholic theology is recommended for this position. Experience in youth or young adult ministry is a plus.
- **Current WFR (Wilderness First Responder) and CPR certifications.**
- **2 years of experience working with a reputable outdoor program** such as COR Expeditions, WCC Outdoor Leadership Program, NOLS, Outward Bound, SROM, etc. This should include leading trips in various outdoor activities, renting gear, gear maintenance and repair, planning and packing backcountry food rations, etc.
- **Demonstrated ability to lead or co-lead multiple outdoor activities** such as: backpacking, canyoneering, mountaineering, canoeing, kayak touring, rock climbing, mountain biking, whitewater rafting and kayaking, winter backpacking, cross-country skiing, backcountry skiing, ice climbing, fishing.
- **Working knowledge of risk management**, wilderness safety, and industry standards.
- **Experience in planning and organizing** a variety of different outdoor trips including: developing route plans, technical knowledge of the route, emergency and evacuation routes/plans, working with co-instructors, etc.
- Flexibility, creativity, and proven **problem solving skills**.
- Ability to maintain a **positive attitude** in the face of changing priorities and deadlines.
- Self-motivated, proactive, and excels in **working with a team** to solve problems.
- **Clean driving record.** Experience driving 12 and 15 passenger vans.

Preferred Experience:

- Familiarity with AEE accreditation standards and its programming.
- Outdoor Industry Certifications: AMGA SPI, ACA Swiftwater Rescue training, Avalanche certifications, WFR Instructor, etc.
- Experience with various trip and route opportunities in Wyoming and its adjacent states.
- Trailer driving experience.

To Apply: Complete the WCC job application online at wyomingcatholic.edu/employment-application. Upload a cover letter, current resume, backcountry log (focusing on extended trips greater than 2 days in length), climbing/river log if applicable, and copies of certifications when prompted in the application.

Application Deadline: Preference will be given to applications received by October 21, 2020.

For More Information: Contact Dr. Thomas Zimmer at 307-335-4471 or email tzimmer@wyomingcatholic.edu.