2013 Outdoor Odyssey Student Leader Job Description

PURPOSE:
The role of the Student Leader is to work closely with the Outdoor Professional guide to ensure group safety, group cohesion and enjoyment of activities by participants. **NOTE: THIS YEARS TRIPS ARE ONLY 3 DAYS IN LENGTH!**

DATE RANGES FOR 2013
- Wednesday 8/21 2pm-7pm (Training)
- Thursday 8/22 9am-6pm (Prep)
- Friday 8/23 11am-10pm (Prep)
- Saturday 8/24 7am - Monday 8/26 5pm (Field Days)

POSSIBLE ORIENTATION ODYSSEY’S
- **Rafting Odyssey** - 3-day excursion down the Deschutes River, operated by an outside contractor that offers full service food and guiding. (4 Spots Available)
- **Backpacking** – 3-day trip to either Indian Heaven or Mt. Adams Wilderness Area (6-8 Spots Available)
- **Rock Climbing** – 3-day trip to Smith Rock, 3 days of climbing and one rest day of hiking. (2 Spots Available)
- **Ski Cabin Base Camp** – 3-day trip to the Reed Ski Cabin to participate in Canoeing, Rafting, Hiking and Climbing (1 Spot Available)
- **Department of Natural Resources DNR Service Project** – 3-day trip to Mt Adams outside the town of Trout Lake. This trip is a must for Biology or Environmental majors working in one of Washington largest natural ecosystems. Learn ecology, natural history and give back to the natural resources of the North West. Day adventures hiking and caving are a great way to unwind and have fun while working. (1 Spot Available)
- **Yakima Reservation High Camp Hike/Paddle** - 3-day trip to the east side of Mt. Adams to the Sunrise camp on the Yakima Indian Reservation. This trip is for advanced hikers and those not to feint of heart as you will be spending a night on the Hell Roaring Glacier just below the summit of Mt. Adams. The other night will be spent hiking and paddling on Bench Lake (2 Spots Available)
- **Klickitat River Float Trip** - Spend 3 days traveling down the desert flanks of Mt. Adams on the Klickitat River. You will have an opportunity to float on a raft or Inflatable Kayaks (IK’s) learning skills while enriching your sinner conservationist. A treasure trove of islands with tons of birds, animals, old mining camps and the illusive protected Western Gray Squirrel. (This is not a whitewater trip, rather a casual scenic float - 2 Spots Available).

QUALIFICATIONS
- Show a strong desire and ability to be a leader and a positive role model for students
- Demonstrate an ability to direct a group, mediate conflict between others, and participate in team building
- Have an awareness of limitations and be comfortable asking for help and referring students when appropriate
- Effectively express thoughts and ideas in a variety of environments
- Be open to change/new ideas and be able to take direction in a non-defensive manner
- Have the ability to be non-judgmental and approachable
- Wilderness First Responder certification or other first aid experience required.
- Enthusiasm and passion for outdoors and recreational experiences
- Rock climbing history and experience for meeting qualifications for student leader for rock climbing odyssey
- Reed College Van Certification is a plus

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

Outdoor Skills
- Knowledge of Leave No Trace Principles and practice, ability to instruct others on ideals
- Knowledge in operation of all camping, technical or general equipment used in outdoor settings
- Map and Compass Knowledge
- Act as liaison between professional guide and participants

General Duties
- Promote self-governance in accord with the guidelines of the Honor Principle
- Assist staffing and coordinating Orientation Week activities (i.e. escorting new families around campus, helping
with setup, staffing doors at registration, sharing your Reed experiences, etc) and provide a welcoming atmosphere for new student

☑ Be on time and prepared for pre-trip meetings, packing and organizational meetings

**Communication Skills:**

☑ Develop and practice active listening skills
☑ Communicate issues, problems or questions to professional leaders in a timely and efficient manor

**Problem Solving:**

☑ Facilitate conflict resolution through direct communication with participants or outdoor professional

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**TO APPLY**

Fill out the on-line application at:
https://docs.google.com/a/reed.edu/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEVHVkRUMm4tUlhIS2tBaFZkUWN5NVE6MA#gid=0

Email Will Symms symmsw@reed.edu for more details!

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 16th, 2013**