

2010 Field Positions

The Women's Wilderness Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the courage, confidence, and leadership qualities of girls and women, through the challenge and support of multi-day backpacking, canoeing, and rock climbing expeditions.

Field staff are needed for the spring, summer and fall of 2010. The majority of courses take place in the summer. Courses are based out of Boulder, Colorado, and take place in the Snowy Range of southern Wyoming, the Utah deserts, Rocky Mountain National Park, Vedauwoo, and local Boulder sites. Staff are hired on a course-by-course contract basis. Applicants for all positions must meet the following requirements:

- At least two years experience working in a mission-oriented (not adventure travel) wilderness program.
- Extensive personal backcountry experience in the desert, river, or mountain environment.
- Current certification as Wilderness First Responder.
- Available for seven-day staff orientation in late May.

Field Staff- Girls' Wilderness Program

Co-instruct six- to twelve- day wilderness-based courses for adolescent girls. Programs for girls ages 8-18. The girls' wilderness courses are broken down in these age groupings: 9-11, 12-13, 13-16, 14-17, 15-18. Teach backpacking, rock-climbing, and wilderness living skills, with a focus on building confidence and leadership, and developing voice and self-expression. An understanding of the issues facing adolescent girls and ability to facilitate group process is essential. Position includes pre-trip meetings with participants and parents, and follow-up community service project.

Requirements (in addition to above):

- Experience working with youth.
- Experience managing top rope sites and teaching and supervising belaying.
- Experience setting institutional top rope anchors a strong plus.
- Good driving record.

Pay: \$80-\$125 per day, dependent on experience. Dates: Courses scheduled June -Aug.
Application deadline: December 30, 2009.

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Field Staff-Women's Programs

Co-instruct one- to five- day wilderness-based courses for adult women. Teach backpacking, rock-climbing, and outdoor living skills. Need experience with group process, and understanding of women's issues.

Requirements (in addition to above):

Extensive personal and teaching experience in one of the following areas:

- Desert backpacking
- Mountain backpacking/ peak climbing
- Canoeing
- Rock climbing (able to lead at least 5.8 trad and to teach anchor systems and gear placement)

Pay: \$80-125 per day.

Dates: Courses are scheduled April through October.

Application deadline: December 30, 2009 for spring/ summer courses.

Rock Specialist

Manage top rope sites for course climbing days and women's climbing clinics. Must have extensive personal rock climbing experience as well as experience setting up and managing institutional rock climbing sites Top Rope certification preferred. Car required for transportation from Boulder to the Snowy Range.

Pay: \$80-\$125 per day. Dates: Various dates- spring, summer, fall.

Application deadline: December 30, 2009

Field Staff- Women's Recovery Retreats Program

The Transitions Program includes courses for women over 45, women recovering from domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or sexual abuse, and courses for women recovering from breast cancer.

Requirements (in addition to all the above):

- Trauma Recovery Course: Master's degree in counseling or psychology
- Cancer Recovery Course: Master's degree in counseling OR personal experience in recovery from life threatening illness.
- Women Over 50 Course (Canoeing): Must be over 45 years old.

Pay: \$80-\$125 per day. Dates: Various dates- spring, summer, fall.

Application deadline: December 30, 2009

For an application or more information about any of these positions, contact Jody Radtke, Program Director, at 303-938-9191, or moreinfo@womenswilderness.org.