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2010-11 Intern Program

The aim of this program is for participants to develop a strong foundation in a range of leadership skills, sustainability ethics, and technical pursuits; with additional focus on professional issues and sound professional practice in the outdoors. Interns are expected to be a productive member of the MYE base camp summer work team.

The MYE Intern Program is a 10-month commitment initially based in Montana, and then in the interns home town. The time in Montana will give interns the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working in an outdoor wilderness program, and to interact with other course members who are also committed to extending their outdoor pursuit skills, leadership experiences and interpersonal skills. As any MYE WCC graduate knows, Montana is an ideal environment to run the Intern Program - with mountains, lakes, rivers and bush all on the back door step; a dynamic outdoor program, and a highly motivated and professional staff.

The Montana program component will also set interns up with the skills, knowledge and information to enable them to continue to be an effective member of the MYE team when they return home at the end of summer, and move into the second phase of the program.

The program in Montana will comprise of field time, leadership opportunities, service projects and learning workshops. The intern group will, at times, operate as a discrete unit, spending time working together to develop technical, inter-personal and self-leadership skills.

The intern group will also have regular work duties supporting the MYE program; and may have an opportunity to do a work placement in the field, working under the supervision of an MYE instructor, or in the logistics shed under the supervision of Ryan, MYE's Logistics Coordinator.

The second phase of the Intern Program will begin at the time of the MYE CA reunion in late September 2010. From this time through to, and including, April 2011, interns are expected to average 10hrs per month doing MYE support work. This may include but will not be limited to outdoor retreat organization and assistant leading, admin support, weekend or evening workshops, and contributing to 'Beyond Basecamp' the MYE newsletter.

Questions?

Visit our website,
www.myeconnect.org

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My MYE experience has changed my life. As a participant on the MYE Wilderness Challenge Course I had done amazing things and met amazing people. After that I stuck with MYE - going to every retreat I could. Then I started wondering if there was a chance to go back to basecamp. I remembered the interns from when I was there, and that made me think - why can't I do that too? And as it turns out, I think it was one of the best decisions I have made in my life.

I tell people what I did over that summer and they have a hard time believing me. My experience as an intern has given me skills and experiences people pay for. Whether its backpacking, white water rafting or leadership skills, I have them all now, and I try to use them when and wherever I can. I would highly recommend the intern position to anybody who wants to build on their past experiences. I had to pass up sports and summer school to do it, and I don't regret it at all. Its not everyday you are offered an experience like this.

Ryan Marquez - 2007 Intern

Application Criteria, Compensation and Program Dates

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Interns are an integral part of MYE Basecamp operations and, as paid MYE employees, are expected to maintain the same professional standards as any other MYE team member. Each intern will receive training in logistics, field and support work; and take leadership roles in the kitchen, logistics shed and with groups in the field. Interns have the important job of providing positive role modeling to MYE program participants, as well as providing essential support to field and office staff.

The aims and objectives for the second phase of the Intern Program, and how these are practically applied post summer, will be individually designed for each intern based on their skills and interests, and the needs to the MYExplore program. The planning for this will start during the Montana phase, and be an on-going and dynamic process for the remainder of their internship.

Compensation

Stipend of \$100.00 per week, meals and lodging at MYE, transportation to and from MYE, participation in MYE's summer intern curriculum, cost free workshops and retreats during the year.

Qualifications and Selection Criteria

MYE selects students using the following criteria as a base. Our programs are in high demand and we do our best to serve as many students as possible, but we cannot guarantee acceptance.

To apply for the Intern Program you must:

- Have attended and completed a 25-day MYE Wilderness Challenge Course (WCC).
- Be at least a junior in high school.
- Be attaining passing grades at school.
- Have no active judicial or criminal record.
- Complete an MYE intern application, including all supporting materials, and return it to MYE by the due date.
- Provide two letters of recommendation (not the same letters you used for WCC or LL in past years). If you have a job, one of these letters should be from your current or most recent employer.
- Have kept in touch with MYE after your Montana program (this could be through the MYExplore program, newsletter contributions, MYEarth contact, or keeping in touch to tell us what you are up to in terms of life, leadership/community service etc).
- Have high energy, a positive attitude, the ability and willingness to work long hours and multiple days in a row.
- Be physically fit and healthy.
- Be able to be in Montana for the dates of the program, and be prepared (and able) to commit 10 hours a month to the MYE intern program from October - April, in the school year 2010-2011.

It would benefit your application if you:

- Were 18 years of age.
- Could show demonstrated leadership abilities, community service involvement and/or participation in outdoor activities since your MYE outdoor challenge program.
- Were at least a senior in high school.
- Have attended an MYE Leadership Lab.
- Have had a paid job, and can provide a reference from your employer.

Program Dates

The MYE Intern Program is a 10 month commitment, divided into two components as follows:

Summer

June 16 – August 19, 2010.

- ⇒ MYE Basecamp, Tom Miner Basin, Montana.
- ⇒ 6 days per week on a flexible schedule.

School Year

Late September, 2010 – May 1, 2011.

- ⇒ From home or school, with access to MYE and OF offices and/or staff.
- ⇒ 10hrs per month on a flexible schedule.



My name is Alex Cuevas and MYE has played an active role in building me into the person I am today. I am proud to say that I have been to Montana for three summers and the most recent trip must have been one of the greatest. What I did (on the Intern Program) tops off anything else I've done in my life as far as adventure and exploring goes. The activities planned for us were great and the people we got to work with were even better.....

Another thing that I would like to mention is that no amount of money can ever pay for the experience that one has there. I constantly got asked how much money I made and I simply said I'm not here for the money because the experience itself is provided, and what else could I ask for. So remember don't be greedy and if you're picked to be an intern don't forget to appreciate the amazing opportunity being given to you.

All in all I recommend this internship to anybody. - Alex Cuevas - 2007 MYE Intern

Application Process and Personal Questionnaire

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Application and Selection Process

Application to MYE is through the following process:

- ⇒ Applications open **February 19, 2010** (you can mail them in to arrive this day).
- ⇒ **Applications close March 12, 2010**. You must submit this application, completed and including all supporting documents listed below to MYE at the address provided, by this date.
- ⇒ MYE will select applicants for an interview, conducted in person or by phone. **This will happen between February 22 and March 15**, depending on when we get your application.
- ⇒ You will be informed of the status of your application by **March 17, 2010**.
- ⇒ After you have been accepted onto the program, we will send you an MYE employment package.
- ⇒ All employment contract documents must be returned to MYE **no later than April 17, 2010**.

Final acceptance, decline or wait-list status will be determined by MYE staff, based on MYE's stated selection criteria compared across all applicants.

Instructions & What to Send to MYE

- Complete the application form - Personal and Health Information sheet attached in your own legible handwriting; and answer the questions in the Personal Questionnaire, typed on a separate sheet of paper.
- Make sure you have signed the application form, answered all the questions and that your parents have signed it.
- Attach two letters of recommendation. Please do not use the same letters you used in past years for your WCC or LL (if you are applying for the IP and LL at the same time you can use the same letters). If you have a job, one of these should be from your current or most recent employer.
- Attach a copy of your most recent report card or school transcript.
- Attach or email a current photo of yourself.
- The personal questionnaire (see questions below).

Check your email often for a response from MYE. All MYE applicants must have an active email address, and access to the internet at home, school or elsewhere. If this requirement is a problem, please contact us to make other arrangements.

Personal Questionnaire

This section is your opportunity to provide us with a better understanding of who you are and why you would like to work with MYE. It is an opportunity for you to 'sell' yourself to us, so make sure you include any information that will help us make our decision. This could include a log of activities you have been involved with since your Montana course, MYE retreats and workshops; community service projects; examples of leadership roles you have taken; sports teams you play in; outdoor experiences you have undertaken (outside MYE); your work experience. These are all examples of things we are interested in.

Please type answers to the following questions on a separate sheet, and add anything else you think will help us gain a better understanding of why we should consider you for a place on the Intern Program (use as much space as you need).

- Please tell us why you would like to work with MYE as an Intern, including specifics on what you hope to learn and do.
- Describe how you think the intern program differs from other MYE programs you have done in terms of what is required from you to successfully fulfill the intern role.
- What do you have to offer (*special skills, attitude, abilities, etc.*) to MYE, our staff, students, and the other interns?
- What do you think will be your biggest challenges on the Intern Program and how will you manage these?
- How will you benefit from an MYE Internship?
- Describe how you think you will be able to meet you Intern Program commitments after the MT phase. Where are you hoping to be based and how will you ensure you can fulfill your 10hr month commitment (please see intern job description for more details)
- Please describe your most recent MYE experience/s, including your favorite experience and most challenging experience.
- Identify at least two things you learned about yourself in your first MYE course/s (one strength and one opportunity for change) and describe how you have worked on or used these since.
- List all your extra-curricular activities - including those you have participated in since you completed your WCC, where you have further developed your leadership skills, performed community service, worked on your own development, recreated in the outdoors and/or learned more about sustainability?

Send your completed application, and all supporting materials to:

Montana Yellowstone Expeditions
c/o The Orfalea Foundations
Attn: MYE Intern Program Applications
1283 Coast Village Circle
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Or fax from anywhere to: 888-280-5261

Personal & Health Information

Please complete and sign this page, and return with all application materials and questionnaire to MYE.

Full Name _____ Preferred First Name _____ Date _____

School _____ Grade/Class _____ MYE group _____ (circle) 04 05 06 07 08

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

<u>Permanent Information</u>	<u>Current Information</u> for use this Winter and Spring	<u>Emergency Information</u>
Address _____ _____	Address _____ _____	Contact Person _____
Phone (____) ____-_____	Phone (____) ____-_____	Relationship _____
Email _____	Email _____	Phone 1 (____) ____-_____
Cell (____) ____-_____	Dates to use this information: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____	Phone 2 (____) ____-_____
		Email _____

Other Topics (continue answers on a separate sheet if you require more space)

Are you currently under a physician's care or taking any medications for emotional or physical reasons? Do you have any medical conditions or history that might affect your ability to work with MYE? (e.g. joint, back, altitude sickness, allergies, etc.) If yes, please explain

Have you ever been arrested for any crimes, including sex-related or child abuse-related offenses? If yes, please explain.

MYE is a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free facility. Do you agree to abide by this rule? Yes No

As a condition of employment, MYE must conduct a background check on each employee. Do you agree to let MYE perform this check on you?
Yes No

My signature below is a guarantee that I have completed this application openly, honestly, and with full disclosure in all sections.

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:



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