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⇒ **Challenge & Teamwork**

⇒ **Outdoor Skills**

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⇒ **Further Develop Your Potential**

My MYE experience has changed my life. As a participant on the MYE 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 the summer and they have a hard time believing me. My experience as an intern has given me some skills people would probably pay for. Whether its backpacking, white water rafting or leadership skills, I have them all now, and I try to use them when and where ever 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 MYE Intern

2008 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 become 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 provide interns with the opportunity to gain hands on experience in an Outdoor Wilderness program and interact with other people who are keen to extend their outdoor pursuit skills, leadership experiences and inter-personal skills. As any MYE alumnus knows, Montana is the ideal environment in which to run this program, with mountains, lakes, rivers and bush all on the back door step; a dynamic outdoor program and a highly motivated staff.

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

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

Questions?

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www.myconnect.org

Or call
MYE Director Andy Leider
(406) 551 2022

Application Process, Instructions & Criteria

The intern group will also be 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. They have the important job of providing positive role modeling to MYE program participants, as well as being an essential support to field and office staff. And, on top of all that, they will be actively involved in the MYEarth sustainability program.

The home component aims and objectives, 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 MYE Life Skills program in their area. The planning for this will start during the Montana phase of the internship and be on ongoing 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 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 program.
- Be at least a junior in high school.
- Be attaining passing grades at school.
- Have no active judicial or criminal record.
- Complete an MYE Internship Application, including all supporting materials, and return it to MYE by the due date.
- Provide two letters of recommendation.
- Have kept in touch with MYE after your Montana program (this could be through the Life Skills program, newsletter contributions, MYEarth contact, contacting us to tell us what you are up to in terms of 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 to commit 10 hours a month to MYE for the school year following this.

It would benefit your application if you:

- Were 17 years of age.
- Could show demonstrated leadership abilities, community service involvement and/or participation in outdoor activities since your MYE outdoor challenge program.
- Were a senior in High School.
- Had 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 17 – August 19;
MYE Basecamp, Tom Miner Basin,
Montana
6 days per week on a flexible schedule

School Year

September 1 – May 1
From home or school, with access to
MYE and OFF offices and staff
10hrs per month on a flexible schedule



Application and Selection Process:

Application to MYE is through the following process:

- ⇒ Submit this application, completed and including all supporting documents listed below, to MYE at the appropriate address by **February 29th , 2008**.
 - ⇒ MYE will select applicants for a personal interview, conducted in person or by phone, by **March 7, 2008**.
 - ⇒ Interviews will be conducted between **March 10-21, 2008**.
 - ⇒ Letters of Acceptance and Program Information Packets will be sent by mail **March 28, 2008**.
 - ⇒ All Program Information Packet documents must be returned to MYE **no later than April 18, 2008**.
- Final acceptance, decline or wait-list status will be determined by MYE staff and 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 in your own legible handwriting; and the Personal Questionnaire typed on a separate sheet of paper.
- Make sure you have signed the application form, answered all the questions and if you are under 18 - your parents have signed it.
- Attach two letters of recommendation.
- Attach a copy of your most recent report card or school transcript.
- Attach or email a current photo of yourself.
- Attach a letter of recommendation from an employer if you have one (optional but recommended if you can)
- The personal questionnaire is an opportunity for you to 'sell' yourself to us. Make sure you include any information that will help us make our decision - 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 (outside MYE); your work experience - are all examples of things we are interested in. We are also interested in any specialized skills you have like computer skills etc.

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.

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



Send your completed application and all supporting materials to:

Montana Yellowstone Expeditions
P.O. Box 962
Bozeman, MT 59771

Or fax to 888 280 5261

Or scan and email to
basecamp@myeconnect.org



Personal & Health Information

Full Name _____ Preferred First Name _____ Date _____

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

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

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

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. Please type answers to the following questions on a separate sheet and anything else you want to add to 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 describe your first MYE experience/s, including your favorite experience and most challenging experience.
- Identify at least two things you learnt 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.
- Please describe the extra curricular activities you are involved with at school or elsewhere.
- List activities have you been involved with since your MYE course that have given you opportunities to develop your leadership skills, perform community service, work on your own development, recreate in the outdoors and/or learn more about sustainability? (Some parts of this question may overlap with the previous one).
- Please tell us why you would like to work with MYE as an Intern, including specifics on what you hope to learn and do.
- 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?

References

Please ask two people, not including family and friends, who know you well to write a letter of recommendation for you. Please include these letters with your application.



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

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (*if under 18*) _____

Date _____



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