



Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in employment with Summit Adventure. Enclosed is our staff application. Allow yourself plenty of time to complete the application as there are numerous questions to consider. We look forward to reviewing your application. Summit Adventure is a Christian wilderness ministry that was founded as Summit Expedition by Tim Hansel in 1971. Our mission is:

To facilitate transformational learning that strengthens relationships, deepens faith, and builds compassion through Christ centered outdoor adventures, service and experiential education.

Summit provides an opportunity to gain a new perspective on God and self, as well as to grow spiritually, mentally, physically and emotionally.

Summit offers open enrollment courses from 3-21 days in length with a variety of emphases. In addition Summit Adventure offers group contract courses for churches, schools and others. In recent years the program has expanded internationally, conducting multiple courses in South America. The growth of our program creates a constant need for qualified personnel.

Summer staff live at Summit's Basecamp in Bass Lake. This is a unique opportunity to live in a Christian community, sharing and learning from others. Basecamp is a 4000+ square foot lodge with separate outdoor sleeping areas for men and women. We do not provide separate living facilities for married or engaged couples. All resident staff participate in daily chores and upkeep of Basecamp (dishes, cleaning, etc.). Summit's administrative offices, program gear, and logistical inventory are also located on the property.

Generally, staff are contracted from June through August. New instructional staff must attend our Wilderness Instructor Course and make a minimum two-summer commitment. The IC is held towards the end of May and is also open to the general public. New staff must pay for this course, but receive a substantial discount. Orientation is conducted near the beginning of June. Our summer courses start right after Orientation. Please see the enclosed information for descriptions of the positions available at Summit Adventure. Our hiring process will begin with phone interviews at the beginning of February. We aim to have staffing decisions finalized by the beginning of March.

Please note that if you are selected for a position with Summit Adventure's ministry our commitment to you will be to train you to be an excellent wilderness professional or Basecamp staff member. You will receive extensive training and mentoring from seasoned Christian leaders. Please call or write to us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
Dustin Smucker-Oates, Program Director