



ADVENTURE

Zip-Line Canopy Tour Guide

Position Overview: The Adventure WV Program is seeking OEC Zip-Line Canopy Tour Guides for Summer 2019. The OEC Zip Line Guide is a position that specializes in the facilitation of guided zip-line tours at the WVU Outdoor Education Center. This position is obtained by successful completion of required trainings and certification. Students can elect to participate in 1 of 3 scheduled trainings/courses. Upon successful completion of training, staff will work a variety of programs scheduled the WVU Outdoor Education Center. This position typically runs between May –November. Flexible scheduling allows students to work during fall and spring semesters. The nature of the work will vary from month to month. All staff must commit to all parts of the training and employment.

Application & Training Requirements

1. Interested students must complete one of the following training opportunities to be considered:
 - a. RPTR 326 - Canopy Tour Facilitation, 3 credits – Spring Semester
 - i. A. Held every Tuesday between 1:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.
 - b. Spring Break Weeklong Training, No credit – March 11th-17^t
 - i. A. Held at the WVU OEC throughout WVU's spring break. 8am-6pm each day.
 - c. May Weeklong Training, No Credit – May 6th – 12th
 - i. Held at the WVU OEC the week after finals. 8am-6pm each day
 - d. To pre-register for these classes, students are to complete a course interest form.
 - i. https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Bzgt9oKQemN78x?Q_JFE=qdg
2. Students must successfully pass one of the listed courses and obtain certification to become eligible for employment.
 - a. Obtaining the certification and passing a course does not automatically qualify a student for employment.
3. AWV also **highly recommends staff pursue the Facilitation Specialist position with Adventure WV**. Interested students must complete the online application when it becomes available. This position is independent and not required to become a canopy tour guide.
 - a. <http://adventurechallenge.wvu.edu/facilitator-training-and-job-center>
 - b. **You must complete the application process in its entirety to apply. Late applications will not be accepted**
 - c. Applicants will be notified of their selection before spring break.
 - d. Students invited to train will be expected to register for RPTR 293: Experiential Leadership and Facilitation (ELF) (1 credit). Meeting time and date are TBA.

2019 World Jamboree

1. Although not a requirement of the position, it is highly encouraged all accepted choose to participate in the 2019 World Jamboree.
2. The 2019 World Jamboree will be held in Glen Jean, WV, and is scheduled for July 22nd – August 2nd.
 - a. Additional days on site may be required
3. Students will be WVU representatives – and work as Zip-Line Canopy Tour guides during the Jamboree.
4. All certification fees will be covered for those who seek to participate in addition to a program stipend.
 - a. Students will also receive a \$500.00 stipend, free housing and meals during the Jamboree
 - b. Transportation to and from the facility will also be provided.

Employment Details

1. After certification, students will then begin work as an hourly Zip-Line Canopy Tour Guide
 - a. Pay rate will start at \$10.00 an hour
2. Work will consist of the following:
 - a. Guiding groups in a co-guide/pod style format
 - b. Delivering environmental interpretive talks while on tour.
 - c. Pre-& Post program logistics
 - d. Course inspections and preparations
 - e. Other duties as assigned
3. Work will consist of either weekday or weekend dates. Specific work times and schedules will vary
4. Typical work will begin in late May and extend into November.
5. Maintenance work will also be available in addition to Basecamp and Challenge Course programs tour (if the Facilitation Specialist position is pursued.)
6. Staff will work full days at the Outdoor Education Center with Welcome Week, before the start of the WVU 2019 Spring Semester

Job Requirements:

1. Must be an enrolled as a WVU student
2. Must be able to attend and commit to all stated training dates and pre-scheduled program events
3. Must successfully certify as a Level 1 canopy tour guide
4. Must be in good standing with the university and under no academic or behavioral sanctions
5. Adventure WV has a preferred GPA of 3.0 for all student staff

Professional Development Areas & Outcomes:

1. Experience managing groups and leading programs
2. Experience working in small leadership teams
3. Development of individual leadership style
4. Practice and experience with communication - presenting too small to large groups.
5. Experience managing risk for outdoor programs
6. Experiential & Educational theory and design
7. Challenge Course & Canopy Tour facilitation & management
8. Zip-Line Canopy Tour facilitation & management
9. Group work and program delivery
10. Curricular integration and facilitation