

**POSITION:** Field Staff



**ORGANIZATION:** Deer Hill Expeditions; Mancos, CO

### **ABOUT DEER HILL EXPEDITIONS**

Deer Hill's wilderness expeditions and cross-cultural service projects offer participants profound growth and self-discovery as well as good fun and adventure. Participants raft the ancient river canyons of Utah, ascend the peaks of Colorado's San Juan Mountains, and work alongside families in Navajo, Hopi, or Zuni communities in New Mexico and Arizona.

Deer Hill's mission is to inspire each individual to honor his or her own personal journey and experience the joy of being an integral member of a group. Through Deer Hill's unique blend of wilderness challenge and cross-cultural interaction, participants learn to bring their best selves forward in community. An administrative staff and a team of interns here at our 128-acre Basecamp located just west of Durango, Colorado support expeditions in and around the four-corners area. This comfortable and vibrant setting provides a landing place for Field Staff as they start and end their expeditions with Deer Hill.

A small company, founded in 1984, Deer Hill Expeditions is committed to personal development through excellence in technical skills, responsible stewardship of the natural world, and authentic service that connects communities.

### **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Deer Hill Field Staff provide all the instruction and guide all the group dynamics for our Southwest programs. We do not subcontract our participants' experience. Deer Hill leaders are strong outdoor educators, not chaperones.

### **DATES**

- Spring Refresher: April 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Spring Season: March to June
- Summer Guide School: June 5<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>
- Summer Season: June to August

Field Staff may work the spring season, the summer season, or both. Contracts are written for each program, ranging from one to four weeks in length. Field Staff can work a single or multiple contracts, depending on Deer Hill needs and applicant's availability.

### **ACTIVITIES**

Deer Hill programs include a combination of two, or more, of the following activities: backpacking, canyoneering, mountaineering, rock climbing, whitewater rafting, canoeing, cross-cultural service, conservation service and, in Costa Rica, sea kayaking and surfing.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- 21 years of age minimum.
- Able to work legally in the United States.
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record.
- Current CPR and WFR certifications, minimum.
- Able to pass criminal background check.
- Support participants and program needs 24/7.
- Physically able to facilitate program activities.

### **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Professional experience facilitating wilderness and or service experiences.
- Experience mentoring adolescents.
- Commitment to personal growth, one's own and participants'.
- Strong communication skills.
- Positive attitude and good sense of humor.
- Technical competency in several activities listed.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

After reviewing the position details on the Deer Hill website, [www.deerhillexpeditions.com](http://www.deerhillexpeditions.com), please complete the online Field Staff Application. For questions, contact Mike Wagner, Staff Manager, at [staff@deerhillexpeditions.com](mailto:staff@deerhillexpeditions.com). Deer Hill is an equal opportunity employer.