

# Are you looking for academic credit at camp?

Here are some tips and questions to ask to help you in that process.

- What type of credit do I want?
  - A professional internship related to a career in camp or youth development?
  - A structured internship related to another area?
    - education, teaching, extension education
    - health care, food service,
    - psychology, sociology
    - counseling, behavior management,
    - grounds landscaping and maintenance,
    - program specific (environmental education, dance, fine arts, trail guides, etc.).
  - An independent study course?
    - readings to supplement my hands-on experience?
    - in-depth exposure to a new content area for me?
  - A documentation of contact hours?
- Identify clear learning goals and objectives. What content area do I want to explore?
- Identify specific roles/jobs I want to take on.
- Do I want to be in one specific role or a variety of roles?
- What do I want to gain from this experience to enhance my professional development?
- What expectations do I have of the camp I partner with?

## College or University

- What experiences and assignments must I complete to meet the requirements for my school?
- What are the requirements set by the school for the camp?
- How many weeks/hours do I need to work at the camp?
- Do I need to experience pre-camp, camp, post-camp, and off season work?
- Will a professor at my school need to be in contact with my supervisor at the camp?
- How many credits, if any, can I get for this experience?
- Do the requirements change if more or less credits are allowed?

## Camp

- Who will be my supervisor and what kind of relationship do I want to form with them?
- Has the camp ever hosted a student for academic credit before?
- Will there be other students/interns, or is there only one position?
- Who will I be working with? What are the hours?
- Will I work across departments (for a broader perspective of the camp's operations) or in one department?
- Is this a paid experience? ("A job" may reduce flexibility in meeting goals unrelated to job)