



Apex Mountain School - Intern Opportunity

Do you like the outdoors? Skiing? Snowboarding? Working hard? Learning the skills to offer clients the chance to grow in the outdoors? Developing yourself in ways you cannot imagine? Then you are looking for an internship at Apex Mountain School in Vail, Colorado!

Apex is a full-service mountaineering company based in Vail, Colorado. We provide both group and private guided activities in the following disciplines: rock climbing, ice climbing, alpine climbing, rappelling, wall climbing, bouldering, snowshoeing, backcountry ski touring, ski & snowboard descents, and backcountry hut to hut tours by ski/board/snowshoe/hiking. Mountaineering, climbing, and skiing expeditions are offered internationally.

We are currently accepting applications for 2017 seasonal internship positions. This includes spring, summer and fall of 2017. Our program receives high accolades from interns of the past. The focus of the internship is building our intern's marketability through work experience in the office, growing both office and field opportunities by providing an environment in which they are challenged and can flourish.

- Outdoor education
- Parks and recreation
- Marketing
- Public relations
- Social media
- Web development
- Outdoor leadership
- Business development

"A well-rounded experience and in- depth understanding of an outdoor guide service, with a balance of office and field time. I'm gaining practical experience in my areas of interest, and I can see the effect of my contribution on a fast-growing mountain school. There's great flexibility for professional development and field days."

- Max P.





Company overview

As a school, we provide open enrollment and private classes in avalanche education, backcountry skiing, rock and ice climbing, wilderness medicine, survival skills and navigation by map & compass and GPS. Additionally, we offer team-building and organizational development events and curriculum for large corporate groups, as well as group events for weddings, family reunions, bachelor/bachelorette parties and other groups. We contract for rigging, professional video and still shoot sessions, site scouting and speaking engagements. Our director specializes in special-operations military unit mountaineering trainings.

Position available

600 full-time hours, broken into office and field hours, is the minimum required time for the internship, which may include field training and/or assistant guiding hours (experience and skills dependent). Most hours are office-based, as the internship focuses on providing the intern with a resume that strengthens their business value in the industry. Field time is supplementary to office time, and is determined based on office performance.

Optional specialization

- Outdoor education
- Professional guiding
- Publishing
- Marketing
- Videography and photography

Without monetary pay, and requires a full-time commitment

The intern may be involved in many facets of the business, with an emphasis on day-to-day office operations, marketing and program development. Other facets of the operation depending on qualifications and motivations of the intern and needs of the company. Responsibility is dictated by intern's performance.

Qualifications

- A strong understanding of the importance to the organization in attaining success. A strong applicant is committed to fulfilling the internship, and understands that return is dictated by investment.
- A desire to enter the industry of study with a strong understanding of business operations from a full-service mountaineering company based in the U.S., exemplified by a knowledge of back office operations, marketing and advertising efforts, public relations, business development and field operations gained through implementation.
 - Reliable transportation
 - Reliable phone.
 - No felonies.
- Apex among the fastest-growing full-service mountaineering company in Colorado, and our internships call for an individual that is:
 - Prompt
 - Ethical (strong personal and work ethic)
 - Intelligent
 - Capable
 - Committed



- Highly Motivated
- Having a Positive Attitude

Benefits to the intern may include

- Experience working for a reputable expanding full-service US-based Mountaineering company – log resume experience with an innovative, reputable mountaineering company in the heart of the Rocky Mountains of Colorado
- Small business entrepreneurial experience – learn the ins and outs of running a small business in the outdoor adventure and team-building sector from real world experience.
- Marketing, advertising, web development and program development experience – gain additional resume skills with measurable results in interactive and innovative marketing.
- Intern in a top 3 rated mountain town to live in North-America – quick access to skiing, climbing, biking, boating and more in the Rocky Mountains in and around Vail and Beaver Creek.
- Marketability and opportunity – set your resume apart. For those interns who perform to the highest standard; our company reputation along with the potential for shadowing our guides and a formal reference letter boost your appeal to potential employers in the outdoor industry.
- Field time – If the intern performs to the highest standard in our office, he or she will receive field time with guides. This may include shadowing guiding paying clients on activities.
- Pro purchase – during full-time involvement, you may qualify for purchasing gear at a professional rate.
- Access to free courses and discounted courses – you may enroll in our discipline-specific training courses, some without charge. Examples include climbing technique, backcountry skiing, navigation and survival skills courses, as well as guide training. Courses requiring certifications are not discounted, but shadowing opportunities may be allowed without certifications. Examples of non-discounted certifications include avalanche education and wilderness medicine courses.
- Fulfill your school's internship requirements – we are happy to assist in your meeting internship guidelines for your undergraduate or graduate programs.

Housing options in Vail

If housing is desired, www.craigslist.com is a good starting point (Colorado, High Rockies, Vail, Avon, Edwards) Additionally, many of our interns have found camping options in the 3 warmer seasons to be adequate; both car camping and self-sufficient van style are popular.



How to apply

Applicants should visit the employment section of the website and complete an internship application page, expressing interest and attaching a short essay on why they wish to intern with Apex, an outdoor resume, including work experience, education and training, certificates and trade memberships, significant experiences in the field, and a detail of skills per discipline. The internship is without pay and is solely responsible for personal finances throughout.

After your application is submitted, you can expect a follow-up within 48 hours from the director, Scott Smith, from the contact phone number listed below.

Link: apexmountainschool.com/employment

Phone: 970-949-9111

Good luck, and we are looking forward meeting you!

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