

Organization: Duluth Area Family YMCA

Internship: **Outdoor Education**

Reports To: Key Zone Site Coordinator

Hours Required: Flexible



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### **Position Summary:**

The YMCA's Outdoor Education Internship provides the chance to gain hands-on teaching experience in a school & outdoor setting. Interns will spend their time working closely with our Youth Specialist staff to deliver outdoor education lessons within our summer Key Zone program. This includes curriculum development, preparation of materials, outdoor ed instruction for youth. **Note:** This internship includes a paid position with our summer Key Zone program as a Youth Specialist (optional).

### **Essential Functions**

- Develop lesson plans and educational materials related to outdoor education.
- Plan and implement outdoor educational programs, including nature walks, survival skill clinics and team-building exercises.
- Educate students about environmental conservation, wildlife and natural resources.
- Assess the abilities, needs and interests of students to adapt programs accordingly.
- Maintain outdoor gear and equipment.
- Communicate and enforce outdoor safety rules and regulations.
- Encourage respect for and knowledge of the natural environment and promote outdoor physical activity.
- Contribute to weekly email with a section related to Outdoor and Environmental Education for families.
- Plan an off-site field trip for students to practice skills they learned over the course of the summer.

### **Required Qualifications:**

1. Pursuing or already received a Bachelor's degree in related field or equivalent combination of education and experience.
2. Interest and experience in working with school-aged youth.
3. Passion for the outdoors.
4. Strong organization and communication skills.
5. Dependable and motivated.

### **Desired Qualifications:**

1. Experience working with youth in outdoor and/or environmental education.
2. Confident in working independently.

### **Compensation**

This internship includes a paid position with our summer Key Zone program as a Youth Specialist (optional). To view that full position description, [click here](#).

Interns do receive a YMCA membership during their internship. They also will receive a great experience working in the non-profit sector with one of the largest non-profit organizations in the nation.

Although the internship portion is unpaid, we will work with you and your school to assist you in receiving college credit. It is the responsibility of the student to determine if academic credit is available through their degree program.

### **Application Process:**

- YMCA Internship Application (found at [www.duluthymca.org](http://www.duluthymca.org))
- Cover Letter
- Resume

- Two letters of recommendation

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