**Wilderness Guide School: Program and Job Description**

**About OA**

In the fall of 1971, a group of UC Davis students organized and hosted a gathering of students from Northern California and Oregon to discuss how to put together an outdoor program. The result of this meeting was the formation of an organization called Outdoor Adventures. Today, with over 1500 participants annually, OA offers more than 150 different classes and trips. This is all made possible by a diverse group of approximately 75 active guides, teaching assistants and student office staff.

# **About Wilderness Guide School**

Every fall, Outdoor Adventures hires a new class of wilderness guides from our annual Wilderness Guide School. Through three evening classroom sessions and two weekend backcountry trips, participants learn how to run backpacking, camping, and hiking trips for OA. **All classroom and field sessions are mandatory.** Classroom sessions take place at OA on Tuesday, October 29th and Thursdays, November 7th  and 14th from 7 from-10 pm. Field sessions take place during overnight backcountry settings on two separate weekends, November 2nd-3rd and November 9th-11th (Veterans Day Weekend). The program costs $125 for UC Students/ ARC members and $150 for non-students. Training includes backcountry equipment operation/ repair, navigation skills, group management, OA’s policy and procedures, and much more! Successful completion of this program is required to be eligible for employment with Outdoor Adventures’ wilderness program. Employment is not guaranteed, nor required.

# **Job Description**

Under the direction of the OA Wilderness Coordinator and career staff, wilderness guides lead a variety of trips for OA participants. Guides drive vans for trip transportation, facilitate group management, lead hikes and activities, and operate/ maintain backcountry equipment. Guides can also expect to gain valuable leadership skills, lifelong friends, and an exciting and supportive community of wilderness professionals! Hired guides are paid and earn $85-$90 a day, while also having access to the benefits of an OA Adventure Pass.

# **Minimum Qualifications**

* Must be comfortable and excited to work in a wilderness setting
* Able to create a warm and comforting trip experience for participants
* Ability to work in a fast paced/ high pressure environment
* Strong verbal communication skills
* Previous backpacking experience is a plus but not required
* Previous guiding experience is a plus but not required

# **How to Apply**

Applications are available in person at Outdoor Adventures on the UC Davis campus, or online at our website, <https://memorialunion.ucdavis.edu/outdoor-adventures>. The position is also posted on Handshake (formerly known as Aggie Job Link).  ***Completed Applications must be emailed to*** ***mhmurphy@ucdavis.edu*** ***or submitted via Handshake.*** A limited number of qualified applicants will be invited to participate in an interview, held during the week of October 16th.

**Final Filing Date**

Applications are **due** no later than **5:00 p.m. Friday, October 11th, 2019.** For further information, please contact OA Wilderness Coordinator Matthew Murphy at mhmurphy@ucdavis.edu or by phone at (530) 752- 6861.

**UC Davis Outdoor Adventures:**

**2019 Wilderness Guide School Application**

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* Completed applications must be emailed to mhmurphy@ucdavis.edu or submitted via Handshake
* Interviews will be held the week of October 16th
* OA Wilderness Guide School costs $125 for UC Students/ ARC members and $150 for non-students
* All Classroom and Fieldsessions are **mandatory**
* Classroom sessions: Tuesday, October 29th and Thursdays, November 7th  and 14th 7-10 pm
* Field Sessions: November 2nd-3rd and November 9th-11th (Veterans Day Weekend)
* Dependent on successful completion of the program, participants are offered a job
* If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Murphy, OA Wilderness Coordinator, by email at mhmurphy@ucdavis.edu or by phone: (530) 752-6861

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| ***Contact Information*** |

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| ***University of California, Davis Work Experience*** |

*Only answer the following questions if you are a current UC Davis student.*

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| Are you a UCD Student? |  | Expected graduation date? |  |
| First quarter enrolled at UCD? |  | Do you have work study? |  |

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| Are you currently or have ever been employed by any other department on campus? |  |

 *If you answered Yes, please list the following:*

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| ***Department(s):*** |  |  ***Position:***  |  |  |
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| ***References*** |

*Please list two professional references (examples: employer, supervisor, professor, or coach).*

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| ***Availability*** |

Can you attend all mandatory Guide School classroom and weekend sessions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Weekends (for guiding): ☐ Yes ☐ No

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| ***Written Questions*** |

**Please answer all of the following questions on a separate page and attach this as the back page.**

1. Briefly summarize your backpacking and mountaineering background. Also include any camping, hiking, or relevant outdoor experiences. Please be specific as possible.

2. Describe any relevant teaching or group leadership experience.

3. What do you think are the most important qualities of a good teacher and guide?

4. Why do you want to guide for Outdoor Adventures? What makes you a good candidate for Wilderness Guide School?

5. List first aid, CPR and any other relevant certifications that you hold, including expiration dates. Attach photocopies if current. (Certifications are not mandatory for selection in Guide School).

6. Please use this final question to tell us something that you think is relevant to your application, that has not already been stated.

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| ***Certification*** |

I certify that all responses are true, complete and correct to the best of knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I understand the information I have provided in this application may be verified and that any falsification of information is grounds for discrimination or separation. I also understand that I will be required to sign an oath of allegiance prior to appointment. Your name below serves as an electronic signature.

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| ***Signature of Applicant:***    ***Date:***      /     /      |

**Thank you for your interest in this position.**