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AMS Volunteer Connect Internship Posting

Posting ID: 2011-134

Organization: 9 Lives Adventures Inc

Location: North Vancouver

Position Title: Adaptive Skate & Wheelchair Skills Camp Coordinator

Position Description:

9Lives Adventures is working diligently with city parks and recreation programs to create the very first adaptive skateboard and wheelchair skills camp that will potentially be implemented into their Summer 2012 recreation programs. The workshops will be open to both youth and adults living with physical disabilities. This position will require the successful candidate to build a skills program for the workshop. Using his or her background in kinesiology and knowledge of rehabilitation, build a program suitable for both beginner and intermediate adaptive athletes that will allow them to learn and/or grow their park skills. The intern will be required to build a 2-day program for each level of athlete, determine needs for space and equipment, and assist in the recruitment and training of qualified volunteer staff for the camps. These camps will lead into a first ever adaptive skateboard and wheelchair skills competition to be held in Vancouver in which athletes locally and from abroad will be attending and competing.

Skills Required/Recommended:

- A background and education in kinesiology and rehabilitation.
- Experience in working with persons living with physical disabilities; amputees, paraplegics, quadriplegics, spinal cord related diseases, etc.
- A strong desire to work in a similar field of study as it requires patience and dedication working with all of the staff, volunteers and clients.
- Must demonstrate leadership qualities and be able to communicate effectively both on the phone, on email and in person.
- Must have own laptop and be able to work from 9Lives Adventures office one day per work week.

Skills Acquired and/or Gained:

- Develop experience in working with city programs, securing venues and securing necessary insurance and work related policies.
- Work with peers and experienced rehabilitation specialist to develop an adaptive skills program that is both safe and effective.
- Learn how to effectively recruit event sponsors, suitable volunteers and adaptive participants for the skate and wheelchair workshops.
- Hands-on implementations of site set up, skills and drills coaching, leadership of volunteers, and follow up feedback and grading of athletes.
- Opportunity to work with 9Lives Adventures and related adaptive organizations to create similar workshops and events for winter season.

Number of Positions: 1

Number of hours per calendar week: 8