



SUMMER FIELD INTERNSHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

Timeframe: Summer Season: End of June – Beginning of September

Time Commitment: At least 3 weeks of camp + staff training week for an Internship and at least 7 weeks of camp + staff training week for an Apprenticeship, both at 40 hours/week (M-F)

Compensation: Summer Interns and Apprentices are paid positions. In addition to a modest salary, we offer an exceptional instructor training program, CPR and WFA training and significant workforce skill development. Paid Federal Work Study positions are also available.

About Primitive Pursuits

Primitive Pursuits of Ithaca, NY is a renowned outdoor youth development program in partnership with a local Cooperative Extension and 4-H Youth Development – two nationwide institutions. We offer nature-based skills and experiences that foster youth development and connections with nature. Our summer programs utilize time-honored mentoring techniques and outdoor immersion curriculum. By learning and teaching wilderness living skills in small groups, locally, we create unique experiences of wilderness adventure and community building in a format that is inclusive for families of all income levels.

Field Internships / Apprenticeships

Our Field Interns and Apprentices combine wilderness survival skills with the most effective tools in mentorship and outdoor education. As part of a committed group that challenges, creates and leads programs together you will have many opportunities for personal growth and valuable workforce training. Interns assist senior instructors in delivering summer programs and receive training in youth mentoring and nature connection.

Training Opportunities & Responsibilities may include:

- Trailblazing through wild forests in the Finger Lakes Region
- Learning nature-based skills such as using wild edibles, making fire by friction and aidless navigation
- A behind-the-scenes look at experiential wilderness education
- Working with seasoned guides, leading youth into natural areas, away from facilities and without modern gear, engaging them in a self-directed inquiry into basic, personal and group survival needs
- Planning and reflection time to learn and help develop programs for youth ages 3-14

Interested applicants must demonstrate:

- Passion and comfort in exploring the natural world
- Ability to work on a team
- Strong interest in learning more about working with children in a rugged outdoor setting
- Excitement about spending every day outdoors in the woods, no matter the weather. Curiosity is required - experience is not!

To apply visit primitivepursuits.com/internships
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