



OUTWARD BOUND CANADA

Position: **OBC Wilderness Instructor, Vulnerable Youth**
Immediate Supervisor: Program Manager
Location: Katrine Northern Ontario
Start date: Effective Immediately

Since 1969, Outward Bound Canada has made it our mission to cultivate resilience, leadership, connections and compassion, through inspiring and challenging journeys of self-discovery in the natural world. A not-for-profit, charitable, educational organization, Outward Bound Canada has challenged over 150,000 Canadians to step out of their comfort zone with our unique outdoor adventures. We pride ourselves on offering transformational journeys that encourage participants to push beyond their limits and discover their true potential.

ABOUT THE POSITION

Starting in April 2016, OBC collaborated with Pine River Institute (PRI). Pine River Institute is an innovative co-ed residential treatment program for teens struggling with addictive behaviors. Every student, upon entering the program, spends 8 or more weeks in Algonquin Park before moving to the residence. An OBC instructor co-delivers the Outdoor Leadership Experience Program with 2 Pine River staff, and up to 8 participants.

Although there are day to day joint responsibilities, PRI staff focus on the therapeutic elements of the wilderness experience, while OBC instructors ensure group safety, teach basic wilderness skills, and create course logistics with the direction of the Program Manager.

We are looking for individuals with the qualifications and related experience, facilitating outdoor wilderness experiences, demonstrated sound judgment, integrity, patience, commitment, and an ability to maintain clear boundaries with vulnerable youth ages 14-20.

A typical rotation schedule includes 1 day of course prep on a Monday, in the field time Tuesday- Tuesday. Wednesday a wrap day. This is followed by a period off of 6 days off.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work very closely with PRI staff to coordinate the ongoing successful execution of the OLE (Outdoor Leadership Experience) and to understand each resident's addiction, challenges and potential.
- Teach relevant educational or life skills as outlined in course curriculum.
- Together with PRI, jointly responsible for the overall mental, physical, emotional health and well-being of students while on program. The successful applicant will be comfortable working with youth with difficult life stories.
- Teach and train PRI participants and field staff how to travel comfortably, safely and effectively in the wilderness in all seasons while canoeing, backpacking, winter camping and snowshoeing.
- Instruct canoe tripping, backpacking, snowshoeing, winter camping skills, wilderness travel and camp-craft skills.
- Oversee all aspects of risk assessments and behavioural intervention.
- Manages evacuations and other field responses with the support of OBC on call staff at base camp.



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- Management, supervision and administering of student medication when in the field in conjunction with PRI staff.
- Must create positive learning environment for the group and adhere to the standards outlined in the OBC instructor manual.
- Assist in completion of thorough course preparation which includes: creating a course itinerary, meal planning, gear pack out, review of OLE curriculum, and participation in staff meetings and staff development.
- Assist with additional responsibilities during course debrief including equipment clean, repair, written reports, etc.
- Application of Outward Bound Canada methods and philosophy.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE DESIRED

- Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, education or adventure based therapy
- Preference is given to candidates with experience working with vulnerable sector population
- Minimum of 1 year in lead or co-lead position delivering outdoor wilderness experiences
- Wilderness First Responder (WFR)
- CPR-C.
- Bronze Cross / NLS.
- Paddling Certification (asset).
- F-Class (or equivalent) Driver's License (hired on the condition you will get)
- Crisis Management Training or Trauma Informed Training (asset)

READY TO APPLY?

Please send cover letter, detailed trip log and CV to shayne_goldberg@outwardbound.ca.

Application deadline: Open until filled

Outward Bound Canada is an equal opportunity employer. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please.