



OUTWARD BOUND CANADA

Position: **Field Course Assistant (2 positions)**
Immediate Supervisor: Rocky Mountain Program Manager
Location: Canmore, Alberta
Start date: July 7 and July 20, 2018 (Two 6 weeks positions)

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

The Field Course Assistant will join our instructional staff in organizing and running backpacking journeys for youth in the Rocky Mountains.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in field course preparation and logistics.
- Assist in organizing, repairing and maintaining course equipment.
- Participate in pre-course planning including debriefs, route planning, and curriculum planning.
- Travel with a wilderness hiking field course on one or multiple 5-21 day expeditions.
- Assist the course instructors with aspects of field travel including:
 - camp skills lessons
 - pace setting
 - route finding
 - monitoring participant physical health and safety
 - monitoring participant emotional health and safety
 - coordinating morning and evening meetings
 - running games and activities
 - curriculum delivery
 - camp infrastructure setup and takedown
- Provide extra support and assistance for course participants as needed.
- Share local cultural beliefs and historical knowledge with participants.
- Assist in creating a positive group culture and ensuring that participants from diverse backgrounds are welcomed into the group.
- Assist instructors in teaching respect and appreciation for the environment, ecological knowledge, and leave-no-trace camping skills.
- Assist in field course wrap-up including gear cleaning and repair, debriefs and paperwork.



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- Develop knowledge of the adventure tourism industry and outdoor education.
- Assist in generating ideas and developing plans to improve and expand program offerings.
- Adhere to all OBC policies and guidelines, and applicable legislation as related to staff and volunteer practices.
- Assist with other logistical and administrative course details in the branch as needed.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE DESIRED

- Significant personal experience with multi-day backpacking trips, obtained through work or personal experience. Experience on trips longer than 7 days is an asset.
- Experience working with youth and confidence in maintaining positive professional relationships with students.
- Flexible schedule and ability to maintain self-care and contribute to the group in a challenging outdoor environment.
- Positive attitude, strong work ethic, and good organizational skills.
- Experience with outdoor gear repair is an asset.

READY TO APPLY?

Please send a resume (**no cover letter**) to eliza_boyce@outwardbound.ca.

The position is in collaboration with Canada Summer Jobs and has eligibility criteria including:

- Between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment.
- Registered as a full-time student during the preceding academic year.
- Intends to return to school on a full-time basis during the next academic year.
- A student in a secondary, post-secondary, CEGEP (Quebec only), vocational or technical program.
- A Canadian Citizen, permanent resident or person whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee protection act.
- Legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations

Application deadline: **June 30, 2018**

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.