

Adventure Leadership Training Project (ALTP)

Adventure Unlimited is looking to recruit twelve unemployed adults (ideally 6 men & 6 women) for a nine month training course.

Course dates

- Start Monday 27th February 2012
- End Friday 23rd November.2012
- Trainees are asked to attend for an average of 4 days in a 7 day period on different days of the week, including some evenings and weekends

The course will be part training (up to 16 hrs per week) and part volunteering. When volunteering you will be assisting and eventually leading on adventurous days out with our client groups.

The ALTP provides participants with hands-on experience helping to run outdoor activity programmes for a variety of client groups, such as schools and community groups – including many with special needs. Participants will receive hard skills training plus group management and the planning & running of courses for clients. The scheme places great importance on personal development both individually and as a team member.

The scheme is free and offers training towards such qualifications as:

- Southern Sandstone Supervisors Award (rock climbing & abseiling)
- British Canoe Union Star Awards
- GNAS Archery Leader
- AQA accredited unit awards
 - o Bushcraft
 - o Climbing at climbing wall
 - o Team building
 - o Risk management
 - o Problem solving
- First Aid
- Basic Food Hygiene
- County Council Minibus Certificate (certain conditions apply)

Adventure Unlimited is a charity and mostly dependent on external funding such as grants and donations. As such some of the above qualifications may be dependent on our current funding.

These qualifications and accreditations can in turn lead to other nationally recognised qualifications such as Mountain Leadership, Single Pitch Award (rock climbing) and further British Canoe Union Awards.

The course is designed as an entry into the field of outdoor education. As such an interest in the provision of outdoor learning and working with children is essential.

No previous experience in any of these activities is required as all the training is given. However, participants who do have any experience of outdoor pursuits, youth work or care work, are encouraged to share their knowledge.

The current eligibility criteria are given overleaf.

ALTP Trainee Course Leader – Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to join Adventure Unlimited as a Trainee Course Leader, participants must be 18 or over and unemployed.

Participants should also be willing to work:

- As part of a team
- Without discriminating against others
- For an average of 4 days in a 7 day period.
- On different days of the week, including some evenings and weekends
- Outside, sometimes in poor weather!
- Some days will involve camping overnight

Participants must:

- Be reasonably fit
- Attend a number of voluntary days prior to the course
- Regard the placement as a stepping-stone to employment or further education.

The position is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. This means that we will be arranging for a check to be carried out by the Criminal Records Bureau to confirm participants have clearance for working with children. (Note: minor offences are not necessarily a problem).

Adventure Unlimited is committed to provide equality of opportunity and we particularly welcome applications from people from black and ethnic minorities and other currently under-represented groups.

For further information please feel free to contact me at the address below

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you are eligible and interested in applying for a place on the course you should book onto a taster day. *(This applies even if you have already been a volunteer or attended an Adventure Training at Work programme with us)*

Taster Day

Our first taster day is now fully booked so we are running a second date on 22 February 2012.

As the name suggests, the purpose of the day is to give you a taste of some of the activities we do! It will also enable us to tell you more about Adventure Unlimited and our Adventure Leadership Training Project. We will be able to tell you what to expect from us throughout the project and what we will expect from you if you become a trainee.

On the day, we will be taking you to an activity site that we use regularly with our client groups. You'll be able to try out some of the activities, and there will be some time for discussion and questions.

I must remind you that it is essential that you attend one of these days to be eligible to start the course. Please note however, that attendance on a taster day does not *guarantee* you a place on the course.

Meeting time & place.....

We will be meeting at the AU office in the Brighton Youth Centre on Edward Street. The minibus will leave at 9.30 am so please arrive a few minutes earlier. If you're delayed, you can contact us on the day, on 01273 681058. We will be returning to the same place at the end of the day, at around 5.30 pm.

What to bring.....

You won't need any specialist equipment but you will need to wear old clothes, which you don't mind getting muddy.

You will also need:

- A packed lunch
- Trainers for the climbing wall
- A warm jacket or jumper
- A showerproof jacket (we may be able to lend you one)

There will be facilities for making hot drinks & if the weather is cold we can get a fire going!

Throughout the month of February there will be a number of days in which we will be taking groups of children out on adventurous activities. We are hoping that you will be able to come out with us on a voluntary basis on one or more these days to act as an assistant. This would give you an idea of what to expect on the course and to decide before its commencement if you would be prepared to commit to the whole nine months.

Also during January and February we will be carrying out some maintenance work at our activity site. These days are usually great fun and even if you have no technical skills you would be more than welcome.

We will give you more details of the above during the taster day or you can contact us.

Please email, phone or send in the slip below to secure your place on the taster day as soon as possible!

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Adventure Leadership Training Project taster day.

I am interested in and eligible for the course and I would like to book a place on the taster day on Wednesday 22nd February 2012.

I understand the minibus will leave from the AU office at 9.30 am.

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