



Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) is welcoming applications for a summer season internship. Based at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area's Main Lodge, DSES runs one of the largest adaptive sports schools in California. Our goal is to share our passion for outdoor sports while focusing on each individual's abilities rather than their disabilities. Most of our lessons are taught by volunteers who are passionate not only about outdoor activities, but about helping others.

DSES Interns will be introduced to the various aspects of our summer program including guest service, volunteer management, daily lesson scheduling, event planning, and program planning. Interns will participate in training clinics focused on different sports, disabilities, and adaptive equipment and will teach summer sports to athletes with disabilities.

Interns are expected to complete a minimum of 320 internship hours beginning in June 2020 through the end of September. The internship end date can be customized to meet school requirements.

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra creates a safe, fun learning environment where people with disabilities can successfully achieve their goals. We teach individuals of any age with any disability to use a variety of adaptive equipment and techniques. During the summer, we teach adaptive cycling (both road and mountain biking), paddle sports, rock climbing, hiking, fishing, and more.

Education & Experience

- Enrolled in a college or university program requiring a related internship prior to graduation.
- Basic first aid and CPR.
- Life Guard and/ or Wilderness First Aid Certification preferred
- Valid drivers license with a clean driving record

Knowledge & Skills

- Highly motivated to work in a compassionate environment providing services for people with disabilities.
- Strong communication skills with a variety of audiences.
- A flexible, outgoing, and curious demeanor.
- Comfortable road cycling, mountain biking, and paddling on lakes. Some rock climbing experience is preferred but not mandatory.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds.
- Ability to be physically active for a period of up to six hours in all weather conditions.



- Experience working with people with disabilities is preferred.

Core Responsibilities

- Instruct adaptive lessons and activities as needed.
- Maintain adaptive equipment in working order.
- Assist staff in administrative tasks designed to give the Intern a well-rounded overview of operating a non-profit organization.

Background Screen

- To protect our students and our program, all interns must successfully pass a background check and have a clean driving record.

Benefits

- Complimentary mountain biking privileges at Mammoth Mountain Bike Park.
- Housing in Mammoth Lakes, CA.
- 50% discount on food while working.
- Coaching in techniques for working with athletes with disabilities and other training opportunities.
- An incredibly rewarding experience helping those with disabilities participate in outdoor sports.

For more information or to apply, please contact Maggie Palchak, Program Director, mpalchak@disabledsportseasternsierra.org or 760.934.0791