



Sawtooth Mountain Guides Summer Internship Description

About SMG:

Deeply rooted in a strong passion for the mountains, Sawtooth Mountain Guides is a year-round mountain guide service based in Stanley, Idaho. SMG delivers top-notch guided trips for rock, ice, and alpine climbing, hiking and backpacking, backcountry skiing, and ski mountaineering. Additionally we operate the Williams Peak Hut for guided and non-guided ski touring groups, offer a comprehensive avalanche education program, and organize full-service corporate retreats.

SMG has recently become the first guide service in Idaho to be accredited by the American Mountain Guide Association. Accreditation means that we've received an independent outside review, ensuring our operation meets or exceeds the current industry standards as defined by the AMGA. Accredited guide services:

- Are committed to high technical standards, strong programs, and a quality staff of engaged and engaging climbing instructors and guides.
- Have AMGA certified guides on staff.
- Encourage staff members to pursue AMGA certification, provide mentoring, and support staff through the AMGA training and certification process.
- Conduct annual terrain specific trainings utilizing AMGA certified staff members.

Intent for Internship:

We get constant inquiries from people interested in guiding and/or interning for SMG. The guide industry is a difficult one to break into, requiring hard-to-get experience. Our intent for the Summer Internship Program is to provide an opportunity to get experience with a highly reputable guide service, log miles with professionally trained guides, better understand the business of outfitting and build your guide's resume in order to work your way into the profession.

Dates:

June – September (Exact dates determined upon acceptance of applicant.)

Responsibilities, Time Commitment, Compensation:

Redfish Canyon Camp Manager (varies with season and client demand) \$50/load
Supply and maintain SMG's Redfish Canyon Outfitter's Camp. This includes hauling up to 60lb loads 2 miles and 500 vertical feet into the Sawtooths. Duties include but are not limited to early season organization and set-up, hauling in supplies, hauling out trash, gear maintenance throughout the summer, general site upkeep and dismantling and hauling out gear in the fall. The intern might also assist with first time camp renters.

Logistics Assistant (5-20 hours/week) \$15/hour

Gear maintenance including inspecting, inventorying and repairing all summer gear. Assisting with food purchasing, preparation and packing for guided trips. Shuttling vehicles. Being available for all logistics of summer guide operation.

Course Assistant (see online course calendar) \$0, no monetary compensation, possible tips

SMG offers several summer courses. Interns will have the opportunity to assist with all aspects of these courses, including hauling supplies, daily hut maintenance, food preparation, course logistics and tail guiding. Some duties might be paid, others might be offered as an opportunity to shadow and gain aspirant guiding experience.

Porter (varies with client demand) \$50-\$160/trip

SMG offers portering services for guided and unguided backpacking trips. A porter hauls up to 60lbs of supplies. Scheduling varies with demand.

Assistant Guide (varies with client demand) \$140 multi day, \$130 full day, \$70 half day

Always under the direct supervision of an IOGLB certified guide and depending on demand, interns may have the opportunity to work with individual clients and groups in rock and alpine climbing, hiking and backpacking guide settings. Shadow guiding for no monetary compensation will be encouraged, with the consent of the guide and clients.



Qualifications:

- Competent backcountry traveller.
- Climbing experience (able to lead trad 5.7 preferred)
- Possess necessary backcountry equipment including backpack, appropriate clothing, footwear, first aid kit, repair kit, emergency equipment, etc.
- Provide own lodging. At times this can be a challenge in Stanley.
- Provide own transportation appropriate for Stanley (4 wheel drive high clearance vehicle helpful).
- Possess health and auto insurance.
- Highly motivated and dependable. Initial training will be provided, but many duties require the intern to be self-motivated, organized and independent.
- Have a passion for the mountains!
- Preference given to applicants that have:
 - Taken or are currently enrolled in an AMGA course.
 - Completed WFR/WFA/EMT training.
 - Interest and ability in interning year round.

Benefits:

Certain requirements of this position are without monetary compensation. There is opportunity for paid work but there is no guarantee regarding the amount or frequency of such work. However additional benefits include:

- An entire summer of backcountry travel, climbing and experience!
- Scheduled guides training
- Experience with reputable guide service
- Shadow guiding
- World-renowned rock and alpine climbing, hiking and backpacking out your front door!
- Free and discounted course participation
- Pro purchase
- Small business entrepreneurial experience

Application Process:

Review this internship description and make sure you meet all qualifications.

Submit:

- ✓ Personal Resume
- ✓ Climbing Resume
- ✓ 2 References
- ✓ Completed Summer Intern Questionnaire

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2016. Please send all correspondence to Sara Lundy at sara@sawtoothguides.com.