

Outdoor Pursuits



## Student Staff Application

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Recreational Sports Department  
Outdoor Pursuits Center  
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**Informational Meeting:  
October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 P.M.  
At The OPC**

**Applications Due:  
November 6<sup>th</sup>**

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Effective operation of the Rental Shop, including excellent customer service and the ability to follow and complete proper rental procedures.
- Planning, preparation, implementation, leadership, evaluation, and clean up of trips.
- Providing first-aid / health care as necessary on trips
- Teaching outdoor skills and environmental awareness.
- Facilitating positive group interaction
- Acting as a resource for individuals or groups planning personal trips.
- Promotion of the Outdoor Pursuits: rentals, trips, workshops, and climbing wall.
- Caring for and maintaining large amounts of rental and trip equipment.
- Keeping accurate records and filing reports as necessary.
- Supervise and instruction of individuals using the climbing wall.

### Required Qualifications:

Current Texas Tech University student, Valid and Violation free Driver's License, Interest in backcountry travel, desires to learn how to teach, lead, supervise and entertain the Texas Tech community in challenging environments.

### Desired Qualifications

Skills Certified at the Texas Tech Climbing Center, Experience on 1 or more OPC adventure trips, Extensive personal outdoor trips, Knowledge of outdoor equipment maintenance including tents, bikes, skis and snowboards, Current WFR Certification or willing to be trained.

Thank you for your interest in working with the Outdoor Pursuits Center!

The Outdoor Pursuits Center (OPC) provides the Texas Tech community with a wide variety of services. Our trips calendar includes kayaking, backpacking, climbing, caving, canoeing, and mountain biking. We also rent wilderness equipment, and operate a bike shop for students. The OPC also manages the Climbing Center located in the Student Recreation Center. We also provide leadership programs for other University departments.

As the OPC grows and develops, we are looking for quality employees and volunteers to become a part of our program. Our goal is to provide recreational, developmental, and educational programs for Tech students.

The completion of this application is your first formal step toward working for the OPC. Outdoor Pursuits employees are extremely versatile, and you would be expected to work in the rental shop, at the climbing wall, and in the field leading trips. It is also strongly recommended that you go on one of our trips so you can better understand our program works

**If you are interested in joining the OPC team, fill out the application, answer the supplemental questions and include a typed cover letter and resume. Return it to the OPC office by November 6<sup>th</sup>.** A student staff committee will conduct initial applicant interviews. After the student interviews occur, the program coordinators will conduct interviews with candidates who appear to match the needs of the OPC.

If your interviews are successful, you will be invited to attend a mandatory Leadership Candidate Training (LCT) course scheduled for August 9 – 19<sup>th</sup>, which is after summer II and before the fall semester starts. This is a difficult trip; it is designed to challenge each participant. You will be responsible for teaching topics, group-leadership, self-leadership, and healthy cooking. Lastly, you will receive feedback on your performance and you will be expected to give constructive feedback to your peers. The course will cost \$180 which will cover all food and equipment.

All employees are required to have a Wilderness First Responder (WFR) Certification. This course is offered at an extreme discount for OPC staff members. The WFR is usually taught over spring break.

Good luck with your application, and get outside often.

Sincerely,

The Outdoor Pursuits Center

**Texas Tech University**  
**Department of Recreational Sports**  
**Student Employment Application**

**Outdoor Pursuits Center**

**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this e-mail current now & during summer? \_\_\_

**Emergency Contact**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Information**

University classification: (i.e. Freshman, Senior, Grad Student, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently employed on campus? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes (where): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been awarded College Work Study? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes Amount (hours): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Community CPR certified? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any emergency medical training you have received (WEMT, First Aid, and CPR etc.) and include photocopies of certifications (both sides): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to work some Holiday hours? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes

Do you know anyone who works here now? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes (who): \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment References**

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*I believe and understand that the aforementioned information is true to the best of my knowledge and that any false or misleading information is sufficient grounds for disqualification of this application or termination of employment. Completion of and submission of this application does not guarantee employment with the Department of Recreational Sports or Texas Tech University.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Texas Tech Student Recreation Center is strongly and actively committed to diversity and providing equal opportunity within its community. No applicant or employee will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, familial status, age, national origin, lifestyle, height, weight, marital status, political persuasion, veteran status, or disability concerning employment or during the course of employment in the department.**

On a separate piece of paper please type answers to the following questions.

Have you ever been on an OPC trip? If yes, please explain your experience. What did we do well, and what could we do better?

Why do you want to work for the Outdoor Pursuits Center?

What are your experiences facilitating or leading groups?

Describe a past teaching experience and what you learn from that experience.

The Outdoor Pursuits Center leads multi-day skill based trips. Please describe any experience you have participating in or leading the activities that the OPC offers?

Please return to the OPC with a COVER LETTER and RESUME. Thank you!