



## Four Trails Adventure Trip Leader Canoeing, Biking & Hiking Job Description 2011

The American Youth Foundations' Miniwanca is a non profit organization that seeks qualified candidates to fulfill their Four Trails Adventure programs. The Four Trails program seeks to take the AYF philosophy on trail to inspire youth to develop their best selves and to lead balanced lives through wilderness adventure activities and interact positively with the communities they visit. These activities include; hiking, camping, canoeing, cycle touring and sea kayaking. Our trips range in length from 5 to 23 days and are conducted throughout the North-Eastern United States and Ontario, Canada.

### Responsibilities

- Commitment from May 26<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.
- Role modeling the AYF mission and values.
- Plan, prepare and lead a specific trip.
- Participate in in-camp activities when not out on trail.
- Teach/instruct campers on the essential skills necessary for trip safety and enjoyment.
- Participate actively in staff training.
- Contribute positively to the entire camp community.
- Protect the health and safety of campers by adhering to AYF policies and procedures.
- Provide 24 hr supervision and mentoring to campers, while living and eating meals with a group, helping each camper to adjust to camp life and achieve his/her personal best.

### Qualifications/Requirements

- Minimum of 21 years of age.
- 1-2 Years College or equivalent.
- Previous experience in outdoor education, group facilitation or working with youth.
- Ability to live in camp and trail conditions with varied weather.
- Display a strong positive work ethic.
- Demonstrate a passion for youth development.
- WFR/WFA qualification (preferred).
- All successful candidates are required to complete 10 days of wilderness staff training on arrival (26<sup>th</sup> May 2011), which includes topics of AYF curriculum, leave no trace ethics, risk management and hard skills related to specific trips i.e. bike maintenance/paddling strokes.

### Benefits

- Weekly wages start at \$225 (6 weeks) (dependant on experience and qualifications).
- \$150 for attending Wilderness Workshop, \$200 for All Staff Training.
- All meals and housing provided during training and program.
- Lifeguard training and WFR certification are offered for nominal fee in the preseason, beginning on May 16<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Facilitation experiences in the outdoor industry a plus but not required.

Please visit our website [www.ayf.com](http://www.ayf.com) for more information on the American Youth Foundation, our programs and [online job applications](#). Alternatively, submit resume and cover letter to: Gabrielle Darroch, Four Trails Program Coordinator - [gdarroch@ayf.com](mailto:gdarroch@ayf.com).

*The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the individual(s) assigned to this position. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, and skills required for this position.*