



Students can earn their college credit by interning at Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES). Prior to graduation, students majoring in Recreation can fulfill a 480 hour/12 consecutive week field placement under the direct supervision of a trained Outdoor Recreation Leader.

The main focus of the internship will be to foster the ideals of what recreation is and how college students can apply these to not only their own lives, but to that of their clients' lives. DSES has the potential to coordinate one of the best internship agencies in the country offering high quality of experiences for the intern. The intern will walk away with a wealth of knowledge and capabilities.

Basic agency information:

PROGRAM AREA:

How many full time staff employed? 4

How many years has the program been in operation? 4

Year-round? Yes

If therapeutic recreation setting, what is average length of client's stay? 2-3 days

Population serves (age range, socio-economic characteristics):

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) provides therapeutic recreation in the form of outdoor activities for anyone with a disability, regardless of age, weight, sex, socio-economic status, or severity of disability. DSES will provide services to any person with a disabling condition, no matter their economic status. If the client cannot afford our services, we scholarship the charge they would have incurred.

Special Characteristics of Population Served (handicaps, learning, disabilities):

DSES provided services to a variety of disabilities in the past years. The ratios are approximately as follows: 74% were in the Developmental Disability category, 6% Visual Impairment, 5% Spinal Cord Injuries, 5% Cerebral Palsy, 2% Brain Injury, 2% e Multiple Sclerosis, 2% Hearing Impaired, 1% Amputees, and 5% classified as "Other".

FACILITIES:

Outdoor: 3,500+ acres of ski able terrain, 27 chairlifts, and a vertical rise of 3,100 feet. Ski terrain consists of 30% beginner, 40% intermediate, and 30% is advanced and expert. A map of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area is enclosed. Summer facilities are the same only the ski area turns into a mountain bike park and we have access to all the Inyo National Forest trails and facilities.

Indoor: DSES's main office is located at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Main Lodge, in the Panorama Gondola Building.

What hours and days will the student need to work?

8 hours/day, 5 days/week

Will the student need a car in the performance of duties?

There is public transportation available in the winter. In the summer the Bike Park Bus is available.

How many students can you take at one time?

At this time, DSES is prepared to take 2 interns in the winter and 1 in the summer.

Is there pay available?

Yes, up to a \$600 gift for the term of the internship- depending on experience

Will you be able to provide students with any meals?

No

Will you be able to provide housing?

No, the intern is responsible for finding their own housing, DSES will assist you in starting your search.

For more information, contact the DSES office.

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