Western State Colorado University (WSCU) invites applications for the position of Wilderness Pursuits Manager. The position reports to the Director of Campus Recreation, and provides professional leadership, administrative support and risk management for Wilderness Pursuits (WP), WSCU’s non-credit outdoor recreation program; Wilderness Based Orientation (WBO) and the Peter Terbush Memorial Outdoor Leadership Summit (PTMOLS). Wilderness Pursuits provides low-cost and professional quality co-curricular outdoor expeditions and resources for the students of Western State Colorado University. WP trips are led by students and are designed to meet the needs of a broad range of abilities and interests while addressing outdoor skills as well as community, citizenry, environmental stewardship and healthy lifestyles.

Responsibilities: The WP Manager is responsible for program design and implementation including but not limited to risk management, permitting, marketing and logistics for outdoor trips and gear rentals. This position oversees a student staff of 20 and provides mentorship, staff training and evaluation. Administrative duties of this position include budgeting, payroll, purchasing, and staff scheduling among others. The WP Manager serves as the Advisor for the WSCU Mountain Rescue Team, the only collegiate search and rescue team certified by the Mountain Rescue Association. This position works closely with the Recreation Outdoor Education (ROE) academic department on campus providing equipment for field-based academic courses. Wilderness Pursuits is a part of Student Affairs and the WP Manager supports the mission of Student Affairs and the University through support of and participation in initiatives within Student Affairs.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in Recreation, Outdoor Education, Business or related field. Completion of Avalanche Level 1 Course, Wilderness First Responder and CPR certified. Organizational leadership, wilderness risk management, budget management, staff supervision, outdoor equipment management, computing skills. Three years of relevant field-based experience and one year of outdoor program administrative experience.

Preferred Qualifications: Master’s degree in Recreation, Outdoor Education or related field. Formal education in wilderness risk management. Certified AMGA Single Pitch Instructor, Swiftwater Rescue Technician, Colorado River Guide. Experience permitting with federal land management agencies. Four plus years of relevant field-based experience and two plus years of outdoor program administrative experience.

Salary: $31,000 annually plus full benefits

Application Procedure: Apply online at www.western.edu/jobs. Required attachments for online application include letter of application addressed to Janna Hansen, Director of Campus Recreation, resume, copies of certifications and contact information for 3 references.

Contact the search committee chair with position specific questions: jhansen@western.edu.

Review of applications will begin June 24, 2013 and will continue until a successful candidate is hired.

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