



## SKY RANCH WILDERNESS GUIDE



### WHAT YOU'LL GET TO DO

Wilderness Guides get to take groups over and through the San Juan Mountain Range, for up to a week at a time! While backpacking, you'll facilitate the important ministry that takes place throughout the trip, in addition to ensuring the safety and well-being of all guests. This position is critical to the ministry of Sky Ranch and contributes directly to our mission of leading youth and families to know and follow Christ.

### A DAY IN THE LIFE

(The legal term is "essential functions." That just doesn't sound as fun!)

No two days will ever be the same at camp, and there's no way we could possibly list everything you'll experience as a Wilderness Guide! Here's just a glimpse of the most important responsibilities you'll have:

Daily Operations - You'll serve in many different "roles" as a Guide, by leading guests on week-long trips safely through the wilderness, following all standard operating procedures. Here's what that looks like:

- In-Camp
  - Fixing gear, sharpening skills, running scenarios, packing food
  - Assisting other areas around camp as needed (dish service, for example)
- Trip Leader
  - Packing each group to ensure they are ready for the wilderness
  - Giving the guests the knowledge they need for wilderness travel
  - Reviewing low-impact principles, group management, etc.
  - Complying with State of Colorado and ACA guidelines for wilderness travel in the back country
  - Providing wilderness first aid and, when needed, implementing related emergency procedures
- Ministry Leader
  - Setting up and leading life stories
  - Setting up and leading quiet times and discussions
  - Facilitating trail talks and guide secrets

Spiritual Encouragement - You'll provide a program and environment that nurtures spiritual growth for campers and staff. Good examples of this are:

- Always striving to be an honest and fair representative of Jesus Christ to your guests and fellow staff members.
- Recognizing God-given opportunities to introduce campers to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- Pursuing your own relationship with God.
- Demonstrating selflessness, being willing to serve where needed, wholeheartedly, without hesitation.

Customer Service - You'll ensure that our campers and camper parents experience the "WOW" factor and

are served in a way that reflects our desire to serve them as well as our appreciation of them, and meets or even exceeds their needs and expectations.

- Treating ALL our guests, both campers and their family members, with gentleness, kindness, fairness, respect, and eagerly seeking to meet their needs.
- Bringing to the attention of the Camp Director ANY situation where we fail to serve or please a guest.

Other important responsibilities are to maintain compliance with all employee policies and procedures established for Sky Ranch, maintain compliance with all state and federal laws and regulatory requirements, and perform other tasks requested of you with a fantastic, spirit-to-serve attitude.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

EVERYONE who works at Sky Ranch needs to have a current MinistrySafe / Child Advocacy Certification. Don't worry, we'll provide that for you if you don't have it already!

You'll also need CPR, First Aid, and AED Certification. If yours needs to be renewed, we'll provide this for you, too!

You'll also need to exhibit the following character traits, knowledge, and skills. You'll have to show up with these - we can't get them for you! If you can check these boxes, you're good to go:

- Committed follower of Jesus Christ, and willing to sign the Sky Ranch Doctrinal Statement
- Committed to providing excellent customer care and willing to contribute to the mission of leading youth and families to know and follow Christ
- Ability and desire to keep kids safe, as well as care for them physically, emotionally, and spiritually
- Ability to abide by rules and regulations
- Willingness to abide by the Sky Ranch cell phone policy.
- Excellent communication skills (verbally interacts with campers, parents and staff, and writes evaluations and letters to campers)
- Respect for authority
- Flexibility and adaptability when things change or go in a way that is not expected
- Strong moral compass, rooted in Biblical principles
- Ability to interact well with kids, peers, and parents/adult family members
- Ability to participate in all camp activities
- Knowledge of and ability to abide by workplace safety procedures
- Excellent hygiene and willingness to comply with the dress code
- Works well under pressure
- Creative
- Humble
- Desires to grow and be challenged
- Compassionate
- Responsible
- FUN

## **MORE LEGAL STUFF**

FLSA Status: Exempt

Department: Wilderness Ministries

Reports to: Wilderness Program Manager

Physical Demands:

- 100% - Stands and walks long distances across camp during entire shift
- 90% - Verbally communicates with campers, staff and parents
- 75% - Reaches, bends and stoops to retrieve items or participate in camp activities
- 75% - Participates in all camp activities.
- 20% - Carries 50 lbs.
- 20% - Climbs ladders during activities and to reach top floor lodging
- Hazards may include, but are not limited to, slipping, tripping, environmental, and risks associated with working around and with equine activities.
- Frequent washing of hands.

## **EVEN MORE LEGAL STUFF!**

(Limitations and Disclaimer)

The above job description is meant to describe the general nature and level of work being performed; it is not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required for the position.

All job requirements are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities. Some requirements may exclude individuals who pose a direct threat or significant risk to the health and safety of themselves or other employees.

This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by the employee occupying this position. Employees will be required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform other job-related duties requested by their supervisor in compliance with Federal and State Laws.

Requirements are representative of minimum levels of knowledge, skills and/or abilities. To perform this job successfully, the employee must possess the abilities or aptitudes to perform each duty proficiently.

Continued employment remains on an "at-will" basis.