



## **Christian Camping Internship Overview**

IdRaHaJe Christian Camping Internship (ICCI) is a life changing program designed for college-aged students pursuing a career in outdoor education, camp ministry, youth ministry, education or any related field. This experience includes high quality training, hands-on learning, teaching, certifications, college credit, reflection and evaluation.

The internship will take place at IdRaHaJe, which stands for I'd Rather Have Jesus, a Christian Camp located in Bailey, Colorado. IdRaHaJe was founded in 1948 as a Christian summer camp and today runs year-round programs including summer camps, outdoor education and retreats. Its highly qualified staff, location and diverse programs make it an exceptional place for interns to learn about the many facets of camp ministry.

During the school year, the ICCI will primarily take place through IdRaHaJe's Mountain Lab School, which is an outdoor education program. Interns will be trained as outdoor education instructors for IdRaHaJe's Mountain Lab School (MLS) while also completing college level course work centered on philosophy and theory of outdoor education programming. During this time, interns will work with different school groups teaching and facilitating outdoor education classes, night programs and camp activities for various ages.

While not working directly with the MLS program, interns will experience other areas of Christian camping such as retreat groups, housekeeping, food service, maintenance, construction, marketing and community events. The winter months will also provide time for interns to learn about summer camp ministry by assisting in summer program development and curriculum writing.

Interns will play a vital role in IdRaHaJe's 8-week summer camp ministry to end their internship experience. Each intern will be assigned to a summer position that meets their gifts, passions and career goals as well as serves the overall needs of IdRaHaJe.

In addition to getting hands-on work experience, interns will earn various professional certifications and have opportunities to grow personally through discipleship, Christ-centered community, regular evaluations and intentional times of personal reflection.

Interns will be provided on-site housing, many meals and a stipend of \$150 per week.

IdRaHaJe's Internship starts in the **middle of August and runs until the beginning of August the following year**. Time off will be given for Thanksgiving and Christmas Breaks. In addition, each intern will be given up to five vacation days.

### **Program Costs**

The program cost for IdRaHaJe's internship is **\$1,500** which includes the following:

- USA Level 1 Archery Instructor Certification
- Science Educator Certifications (Project Learning Tree, WET & WILD)
- Leave No Trace Trainer Certification
- ACCT Level 1 Challenge Course Facilitator Certification
- Wilderness First Aid Certification
- Travel & related costs for various trips and events
  - Week-long technical canyoneering trip in Utah
  - Christian Camping Rocky Mountain Sectional Conference
  - Outdoor Education Site Visits
- Required Texts

*Please note:* The \$1,500 program cost can be divided into three separate payments with at least \$400 required at the start of the program. There is a payroll deduction option available. A \$100 housing deposit is required for all interns and is fully refundable upon satisfactory inspection at the completion of the program.

### ***The program cost does not include the following:***

- Meals when there are no groups on camp and kitchens are not running
- Specialized outdoor clothing and shoes for all Colorado weather conditions
- Personal rock climbing gear (harness)

### **College Credit**

College credit is available for interns desiring it through IdRaHaJe's partnership with John Brown University's Outdoor Leadership Ministries Degree. Interns may be able to register, through JBU, for the following courses which will cost an additional fee.

#### **Fall Classes:**

CMN 3153 Philosophy and Methods of Outdoor Education (3 hrs.)

CMN 2901 Shooting Sports (1 hr.)

CMN 2211 Environmental Science Educator (1 hr.)

CMN 2101 Leave No Trace Trainer (1 hr.)

CMN 4611-Internship (up to 5 hrs.)

#### **Spring Classes:**

CMN 2701 Ropes Course Level 1 (1 hr.)

CMN 2311 Wilderness First Aid (1hr.)

CMN 4612 Internship (up to 9 hrs.)

To learn more about college credit opportunities, contact Amber DeBoer, IdRaHaJe's Curriculum and Instruction Supervisor. For information about JBU's Outdoor Leadership Ministries Degree, go [http://www.jbu.edu/majors/outdoor\\_leadership\\_ministries/showcase/](http://www.jbu.edu/majors/outdoor_leadership_ministries/showcase/).

College credit is an optional route you can pursue through JBU but is not required for interns. Most of the courses are integrated into our training throughout the year, and will be knowledge and skills that interns will be expected to obtain with or without the credit. This will not affect your certifications or your pay received during the internship. Additional fees for college credit will be paid directly to John Brown University.

### **Qualifications**

- A solid and growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- A desire to work with and teach children in camp setting
- Evidence of strong work ethic, responsibility and maturity
- A mentality of servanthood
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent
- Must be able to fully participate in the entire 1-year program
- Must be accepted through IdRaHaJe's staff application and interview process

### **Opportunities for Personal Growth**

IdRaHaJe Interns will have intentional time during their program to develop themselves as healthy individuals. This will include time set apart for reading the Bible and prayer, group devotions, book study, reflection on emotional and mental health and spiritual discipleship. Full time staff members will meet regularly with individual interns to act as mentors facilitating personal growth.

### **Opportunities for Professional Growth**

- Receive specific training to design, teach and run outdoor education classes and programs
- Extensive opportunities to teach and facilitate outdoor education and camp programs
- Obtain nationally recognized certifications
- Service work opportunities
- Training in curriculum development
- Ongoing mentorship, training and evaluation from Christian camping professionals
- In-depth experience with summer camp theory, philosophy and program development
- Earn college credit
- Gain confidence in public speaking
- Build skills in exercising leadership responsibilities
- Foster high levels of teamwork and communication
- Mentoring high school-aged volunteers
- Assistance with resume building

### **Program Directorship**

The IdRaHaJe Christian Camping Internship will be directed by IdRaHaJe's Curriculum and Instruction Supervisor, Amber DeBoer, who has worked in the field of education and camp ministry since 1998 and holds a Master's Degree in Outdoor Education. Under this directorship, interns will also work closely with and be trained by IdRaHaJe's many highly qualified and credentialed full-time staff during the internship.

## **Community Life**

The internship program at IdRaHaJe offers a style of living that focuses on Christ-centered community. Not only will interns work closely with full-time staff members, they will also live in community with other interns in on-site housing. Housing situations allow for development of vital social skills and fellowship among other believers. The relational skills learned through the internship program will be transferrable to any future career or life pursuit.

## **Housing Accommodations**

Intern housing on camp will be with same-sex interns. If an intern is married, housing accommodations will be determined on a case by case basis. Interns will be able to move into their housing accommodations the day before the internship begins. If housing is needed before that, interns will need to contact Camp and housing options may be available. Accommodations will include a full kitchen and laundry facilities. Interns will not be guaranteed internet access in their homes, but a work space will be provided with internet. Housing will also be available during Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, but no meals will be provided during this time. All housing accommodations will require an initial **deposit of \$100** which can be fully refunded at the end of your internship based on a satisfactory inspection upon check-out.

## **Application Process**

To begin, go online to [www.idrahaje.org](http://www.idrahaje.org) and fill out the complete application for IdRaHaJe Christian Camping Internship. (If you have already been hired as a Summer Staff for the summer directly preceding the internship, make sure to choose the modified application option.) Once you have completed your application, send your references the link that is included in the application process. After IdRaHaJe has received your application and references, we will contact you for an interview. If you are hired, you will be contacted with an agreement and additional information for the internship.

## **Questions**

To learn more about IdRaHaJe, visit [www.idrahaje.org](http://www.idrahaje.org). For questions specific to IdRaHaJe's Christian Camping Internship, contact Amber DeBoer at [icci@idrahaje.org](mailto:icci@idrahaje.org) or call 303-838-5668.

# ICCI Schedule

Time of Year	Activity	Duration
Middle of August	<p><b>Training for Fall Mountain Lab School Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start Philosophy and Methods of OE</li> <li>• Start USA Archery Level 1 Cert.</li> <li>• Start Environmental Science Educator</li> <li>• MLS Curriculum               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Animal Habitat</li> <li>○ Animal Tracking</li> <li>○ Archery</li> <li>○ Bouldering</li> <li>○ Climbing Tower</li> <li>○ High Ropes (Assistant Instructor)</li> <li>○ Initiative Games</li> <li>○ Nature Hike</li> <li>○ Survival</li> <li>○ Team Building Challenge (Introduction)</li> <li>○ Night Hikes</li> <li>○ Night Games</li> <li>○ Campfire</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1.5 weeks
End of August-Beginning of November	<p><b>Serve as MLS Instructors &amp; Begin Internship Development Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach between 2-6 hours a day for the MLS Program</li> <li>• Run Night Programs (games, hikes, incentive stations, etc.) for 6 hours a week</li> <li>• Help in camp kitchen for 2-4 meals a week</li> <li>• Assist in camp store for 1 hour a week</li> <li>• Work on various projects around camp for a minimum of 20 hours (housekeeping, landscaping, maintenance and construction)</li> <li>• Spend a minimum of 15 hours in assigned times of Spiritual Development</li> <li>• Spend a minimum of 15 hours in assigned times of Professional Development</li> <li>• Assist with a minimum of 3 weekend retreat groups</li> </ul>	12 weeks
Middle of November	<p><b>Fall Certifications, Assessments and Reflection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete USA Archery Level 1 Cert.</li> <li>• Complete Environmental Science Educator</li> <li>• Leave No Trace Certification</li> </ul>	2 weeks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall Work Projects</li> </ul>	
End of November	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	1 week
Beginning of December	<b>Professional Development &amp; Winter Day Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Philosophy and Methods of OE</li> <li>• Intern Presentations on Professional Development</li> <li>• Guided Reflection on Spiritual Development</li> <li>• Facilitate Winter Day Programs and Evening Events</li> <li>• Assist with Summer Camp Preparations and Promotion</li> </ul>	3 weeks
End of December to Middle of January	<b>Christmas Break</b>	3-4 weeks
Middle of January to Beginning of March	<b>Professional Development &amp; Winter Day Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate Winter Day Programs and Evening Events</li> <li>• Assist with Summer Camp Preparations and Camp Maintenance</li> <li>• Receive Additional Training in Various Areas of Camp Ministry (Food Service, Operations, Retreats, Discipleship Programs, Marketing, etc.)</li> <li>• Help develop and run IdRaHaJe's REFRESH Winter Retreats focused on discipleship of summer campers</li> </ul>	7 weeks
Beginning of March	<b>Training for Spring Mountain Lab School Season</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenge Course Instructor 1 (CMN 4471)</li> <li>• MLS Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Big Valley</li> <li>○ High Ropes (Lead Instructor)</li> <li>○ Orienteering: Compass Skills</li> <li>○ Pioneer Study</li> <li>○ Rappelling</li> <li>○ Riflery</li> <li>○ Rock Climbing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2 weeks
Middle of March to End of May	<b>Serve as MLS Instructors &amp; Continue Internship Development Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach between 2-6 hours a day for the MLS Program</li> <li>• Run Night Programs (games, hikes, incentive stations, etc.) for 6 hours a week</li> <li>• Help in camp kitchen for 2-4 meals a week</li> <li>• Assist in camp store for 1 hour a week</li> <li>• Work on various projects around camp for a minimum of 10 hours (housekeeping, landscaping, maintenance and construction)</li> <li>• Spend a minimum of 7 hours in assigned times of Summer Programming preparations</li> </ul>	9 weeks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist with a minimum of 3 weekend retreat groups</li> <li>• Complete Wilderness First Aid (CMN 4481)</li> </ul>	
Last Week of May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition to Summer Camp Programming</li> </ul>	1 week
June through Beginning of August	<p><b>Summer Camp Ministry Begins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Staff Training</li> <li>• Serve on Summer Staff in one of the following positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adventure Staff</li> <li>○ Leadership Staff</li> <li>○ Counselor</li> <li>○ Wrangler</li> <li>○ Office Staff</li> <li>○ Nurse</li> <li>○ Concessionaire</li> <li>○ Cook</li> <li>○ Housekeeping</li> <li>○ Maintenance</li> <li>○ Arts &amp; Crafts Instructor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	10 weeks