

Internship Opportunity with the School for International Expedition Training

SIET is currently accepting resumes for an internship (unpaid) for the 'Ishinca Valley Expedition' in Peru. This is an advanced mountaineering course designed for aspiring guides and instructors of outdoor education. Interns would assist lead instructors during one of the two courses (see website for current dates). Applicants must have a strong technical background that would allow them to descend technical terrain with sick or tired students during peak ascents/training activities, ability to operate independently of instructors, excellent communication skills, an accurate sense of one's own technical and physical abilities/limitations, a significant amount of time spent on glaciers and on alpine climbs, and preferably some AMGA training. Applicants should also excel in each of the following categories:

Technical Skills:

- Can competently work (guide, teach, role model, coach, etc) in technical terrain at high altitude (up to 23,000')
- Ability to route find on complex glaciers and teach/coach students on such techniques
- Experience teaching a wide variety of rescue skills
- Can climb sustained AI-3, short sections of AI-4, 60 degree snow, and easy fifth class rock, all at high altitude
- A novice to intermediate knowledge of travel techniques in avalanche terrain; can evaluate snowpack stability and make informed decisions based on results
- A working knowledge of the AMGA '45 minute rescue drill'
- An understanding of current industry standards and the ability to articulate the reasons for such standards

Leadership Skills:

- Ability to lead 1-3 students down from a peak attempt or high camp, potentially back to town (Huaraz) without the assistance of another instructor
- Experience debriefing peak attempts
- Ability to effectively work with a diverse population with varied learning styles
- Ability to be transparent to students while making risk management decisions
- Ability to coach students on expedition planning tactics during the Ishinca Valley Expedition and for their own future expeditions

Other Skills:

- Interns may be offered a paid position to help with marketing work throughout the winter and spring. Applicants with marketing skills will be prioritized
- Basic to intermediate Spanish is desired
- WFR/CPR certification desired
- A love for colorful cultures and customs, adventure and long days of teaching/coaching technical skills in the big hills!

Interested parties should send a cover letter and resume to Josh Beckner: info@expeditiontraining.org Feel free to call with questions: 760-920-3464

Please see the SIET website for dates, course curriculum and other information pertaining to this course: <http://expeditiontraining.org/>