

# Resident Field Instructor

**Location:** Circleville, WV

**Length of Employment:** 27 March – 17 November 2017

**Deadline:** Open Until Filled

**Supervisor:** Course Director

## **Overview:**

The ideal Resident Field Instructor is a Jack or Jill-of-all-Trades with a strong work ethic and keen judgment. Their primary responsibility is to lead high quality education and adventure based experiential education courses in remote and challenging settings. They will also assist with program and rental support in an “on-call” role and with the upkeep of a 400 acre facility that includes multiple buildings, a fleet of vehicles, farm animals, fields, and woodlands.

## **Institutional Background:**

The Mountain Institute has a forty-year record of delivering practical and tangible solutions for mountain regions in the Himalayas, the Andes, and the Appalachians. Seasonal Field Instructors work within the Appalachian Program, based at the Spruce Knob Mountain Center in West Virginia. The Appalachian Program is focused on Mountain Learning education courses. These courses include single and multi-day residential courses, multi-day field courses in the Monongahela National Forest, and off-site courses at various locations in the Mid-Atlantic States. The mission of these courses is to help people become confident, competent individuals with a clear vision of their responsibilities and potential for improving the human condition and the natural world. For more information about Mountain Learning Programs, visit [www.mountain.org](http://www.mountain.org).

## **Responsibilities:**

### Education

- Teach and lead groups in the outdoors, in varying weather conditions, and on uneven terrain
- Lead 1-8 day residential and field based programs in challenging settings that include hiking, canoeing, stewardship activities, orienteering, caving, backpacking, and climbing components
- Maintain a physically and emotionally safe environment for students and guests
- Prepare and deliver hands-on, experiential, and inquiry-based lessons in a remote outdoor setting for both day and evening programs
- Facilitate team and community building activities within groups
- Implement and model excellent risk management strategies and administer first aid as needed
- Prepare facilities and gear before trips and clean facilities and gear at the end of trips

### Program/Rental Support

- Prepare and cook meals for visiting school and rental groups

- Be on the rotating “on-call” schedule (during on-call weeks, Resident Instructors serve as the primary liaison for schools, events, and other facility guests)
- Maintain a professional demeanor while interacting with groups and guests
- Assist with facility upkeep as needed, including basic carpentry, repairs, road and vehicle maintenance, animal husbandry, landscaping, and general troubleshooting

**Requirements:**

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience
- Current Wilderness First Responder (preferred)
- Wilderness First Aid and CPR certifications required  
(WFA certification is available on-site 31 March – 2 April 2017)
- Effective communication, leadership, and interpersonal skills
- Ability to change gears between varied tasks
- Teaching experience, either formal or informal
- Desire to teach and work with young people from varying social and economic backgrounds
- Working knowledge of the natural sciences
- Experience working in the outdoors, especially in inclement weather
- Desire to be an ambassador for the The Mountain Institute specifically and mountain ecosystems in general
- Valid driver's license
- Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and some weekends
- Positive attitude and unassailable work ethic
- Desire to live in a remote place with an outstanding community of outdoor professionals and to work hard to make positive change in our world

**Benefits:**

Starting pay is \$65.00 per day. Instructors are also provided with housing during their period of employment and board during programs.

**To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and three references to:**

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