



University of Northern Iowa Outdoors Trip Coordinator Position



What is UNI Outdoors?

UNI Outdoors' goal is to provide outdoor and educational opportunities for the collegiate community. We offer recreational climbing, equipment rental, adventure trips, skills clinics, and provide a resource library.

The Role of the Trip Coordinator:

All UNI Outdoors' trips are based on the "common adventurer" philosophy which holds that the foremost goal of any common adventure is to achieve an enjoyable and worthwhile experience while displaying the greatest respect for the natural environment. The common adventurer, due to the varying degrees of ability of each participant, can best achieve this goal by becoming part of a "common" group effort. In the spirit of this effort, all decisions are consensus group decisions and leaders emerge as situations arise. Thus, one can see that "trip coordinator" is a well-chosen title. Trip coordinators coordinate, they do not command; the group leads.

Trip Coordinator Description:

- Creates safe and fun learning environment
- Friendly and approachable to participants
- Teaches an environmental ethic and LNT practices
- Role models safe behavior
- Proactive with tasks that need to be accomplished
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Qualifications:

- CPR/First Aid – Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness First Aid preferred
- Previous backcountry experience
- University approved driving record
- Basic knowledge of outdoor recreation equipment
- Have a high level of enthusiasm for working with and serving people
- Previous leadership experience
- Solid decision making skills
- A basic understanding of Leave No Trace (LNT) Principles

Trip Coordinator Responsibilities:

- Check permits and make reservations
- Help promote trips
- Assist with logistics & trip planning
- Aid with preparation for pre-trip meetings
- Inspect and pack group gear

- Van inspection and driver's log
- Ensure participants have a fun and safe time
- Clean and return gear
- Participate in post-trip meetings and evaluations

Trip Coordinator Benefits:

- *Experience:* Trip coordinators will obtain a better understanding of what it takes to run outdoor adventure trips. In addition, trip coordinators will also develop many hard and soft skills related to outdoor activities.
- *Fun:* Being a trip coordinator for UNI Outdoors provides you with opportunity to travel around the United States, experiencing the wonders of the natural environment. As a trip coordinator, your trip fee is waived and your food expenses are covered by the program.

To Apply:

If you are interested in applying to become a trip coordinator, please send a letter of interest and your resume to:

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