INTERNSHIPS

About Six Points: Six Points Evaluation and Training, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization (under IRS Code 501(c) 3) serving developmentally disabled adults in Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties.

Mission Statement: The mission of Six Points is to provide education, training, assistance and support to all adults with special needs and their families in Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties, such that these individuals reach their highest functioning levels and become integrated into our society as independent, productive, contributing citizens. Further, our mission is to advocate for these individuals and increase the awareness of all residents concerning the special needs of the disabled in our community.

Description of ROE 499 Internship: A course providing full-time concentration on a specific practical experience at an approved agency. It allows for comprehensive involvement in an agency program with faculty and on-site supervision. Prerequisites: senior standing and instructor permission.

Thank you for your interest in the internship program at Six Points. Below are some criteria for how a 6-9 credit internship would look for a prospective Western ROE student looking for a unique experience in the field of care provision in many different forms. Browse the information below, and please stop by the Six Points store at 1160 N. Main St. in Gunnison, CO, call us at 970-641-3081, or browse our website www.sixpointsgunnison.org for more information.

Criteria for a Recreation and Outdoor Education

1) Completion of all Recreation and Outdoor Education

2) Review Internship manual on Recreation and Outdoor Education

3) Follows steps in Applying for a Recreation and Outdoor Education Internship at Six Points

Benefits

- Gaining experience in the area of training and recreating with individuals with developmental disabilities, thereby using and further developing skills relevant to ROE 240 Alternative Programming
- Creating or enhancing an existing event that mixes recreation opportunities and fundraising opportunities for the clients and overall organization of Six Points, thereby furthering skills garnered in ROE 398 Program Planning

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1. In this document “clients refers to individuals with developmental disabilities

- Build interpersonal skills and development of empathy and personal growth in volunteer work,
• Explore personal interest in 1. Non-profit work and 2. Working with people with developmental disabilities.

Hours for 6-9 Credit Internship

FALL INTERNSHIP

• Training with individuals for fundraising events and Winter Special Olympics, 6 hours a week for 16 weeks= 96 Hours
• Seasonal Program/Event Planning = 30-40 hours
• Weekly Planning and implementing Art Day activities: (5 hours per week for 16 weeks)=80
• Volunteering in the Six Points Store as needed =10+ Hours
• **Total=226+ hours**

Continuing/annual events for fall:

• 5K Zombie Fun Run: The 2nd annual 5K zombie fun run is happening this fall, and interns have the chance to assist with making this annual event even better. The idea is to have individuals from the community dress up like zombies/ other Halloween costumes. Have clients and community members run the Van Tuyl loop on the Northwest side of town, open for community use, near Halloween feel. Offers recreation for clients and fundraising for Six Points, through requiring a small donation to enter event and having prizes for categories like best dressed and fastest runner from possible event sponsors.
• Sponsorship ideas for fundraising= Paper Clip, Garlic Mikes, Treads and Threads

Intern’s Role in Event

• Ensure that event grounds are available and reserved for use.
• Create sponsorship relationship which could provide small soft goods for prizes in return for exposure on event advertising. Have zombies run around with sponsor’s logo, signs on their costumes for better advertising.
• Get advertising for event into community/valley wide through posters, radio, get zombies walking around town with event sign information, and TV exposure of event with sponsorships advertised as well.
• Offer Training once or twice a week (5 hours for 16 week requirement of Internship) for clients to prepare for this and future events in the field of cardio exercise, proper stretching techniques, personal development/initiative activities. While event will not last 16 weeks, ongoing training will be a way to ensure hours/skill development for intern and ongoing improvement of quality of life for participant of training program. This can coincide with ongoing Special Olympics training.
• In-Store Volunteering: while completing this experience, the intern should show leadership skills and apply them to an employment setting, along with role modeling good behavior while working in the store. The leisure pursuits of the clients offered in-store by staff of Six Points would offer relevant experience for an ROE major. Helping with events like the weekly art activity which would offer group leading and initiative training, would be a chance for an Intern to garner 2-4 hours over a 16 week semester (32-64 hours or almost 1-2 credits)

Ideas for Fall Semester events
• Teach Leave No Trace principles to clients of Six Points through overnight trips and day trips camping, hiking, and other fun outdoor activities. Give clients a chance to experience the outdoors and have fundamental backbone to experience in learning LNT principles. Strive to create a sense of stewardship in land management. Foster preservation and love of the outdoors in the clients of Six Points.
• Changing of the Colors hike/camp event. The clients of Six Points are very excited about the outdoor, unfortunately though don’t get as many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors for extended periods of time. Putting together a hike/camping event during the August/September months would be a great way to continue to foster a love for the outdoor in the clients of Six Points.

SPRING INTERNSHIP

Outline for an Internship for a ROE major: The ideal candidate for the Spring Internship will continue to work with Six Points and their Special Olympics team as they strive for gold during the summer Special Olympics games.

Added Benefits of Spring Internship

• Exposure to logistics/coordination practices through assisting with transportation of Six Points clients to Adaptive Sport Center ski training
• Offered chance for Special Olympics coaching training (some summer requirements), consisting of online coaches training (training started End of March/Beginning of April), assisting with bi-weekly trainings, and assist with transportation to and from Special Olympics Events (Regional meet- 1st week of May, State meet- 1st week of June)
• If coaching is not desired, assist with logistics of Special Olympics to gain relevant experience with Logistics training. Assist Six Points staff with coaching paperwork, client paperwork transportation logistics (planning for lodging, meal planning for multiple day outing, some minor budgeting, gear lists etc.) to gain relevant Logistics training

Hours for Spring Internship

• Seasonal Program/Event Planning= 40 hours
• Logistics/Planning for ASC trips= 20 hours
• In-store Volunteering= 10+ hours
• Total= 70+ hours (more hours will be available through in-store volunteering)
• Special Olympics Online Training= 15 hours
• Bi-weekly Special Olympics trainings= (6 hours per week for 15 week minimum) 90 hour minimum
• Traveling/Participating in Special Olympics Regionals meet= 35 hours
• Traveling/Participating in Special Olympics State Meet = 35 hours
• Grand Total- 245 hours (6 credit hour minimum)

Details of Hour Requirements

Event/Program Planning: host an event which gives a recreational opportunity for the clients of Six Points and gives the chance to raise funds for the Six Points Organization. Ideas could involve a sled building/racing challenge, snowman sculpting event, or could align with ideas from the ROE 398 Program Planning class. Interns will contribute through creating/finding a community event which could fit with the ideas/abilities of Six Points, raise awareness of event in and around the community, and find opportunities for possible sponsorship relationships with businesses which align with the views of Six Points in and around the Gunnison valley.
Logistics assistance w/ ASC outings: this time will introduce interns to the basics of logistics coordination. Through developing gear lists, checking gear when picking clients up, calling to set up appointments, and adding to the safety of the lesson through skiing/snowboarding with the clients.

Special Olympics Coaching: This is one of the best parts of the intern process for the right fit. Time will be spent training online to meet Special Olympics volunteer/coaching criteria, becoming familiar with track and field standard operating procedures when able, and assist with the bi-weekly coaching events occurring between the months of April and June. Some post-semester time will be desired as some of the meets occur in the first weeks of June. If coaching will not work out for individual’s schedules, logistics assistance pertaining to calling for lodging, assisting with transportation, creating packing lists and meal lists.

Other Event Ideas for Six Points during spring.

SHRED THE SLED: The winter weather here in Gunnison can at time be very inconsistent, but with enough snow in Gunnison to cover the sledding hill on campus, an intern can have great success with putting on a sledding event in which the participants build their own sleds and show them off at this event. Past student in the ROE 398 program planning classes have had mixed success in the past with this event due to lack of snow, and an earlier date (Jan/Feb) rather than later dates (Mar/Apr) would be advised. Generally if there is enough snow, use it while you got it.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Summer Interns will focus on creating outdoor trips for clients of six points, working with staff to ensure safety and proper logistics and working with clients of six points to encourage love and appreciation of outdoors.

Added Benefits

- The Summer Intern has the unique opportunity to develop their own criteria to meet the needs of the Six Points clients and staff. Summer Interns should be able to articulate how their time requirements will be met.

Hours for Summer Internship

- Assist Executive Director with fundraising events=40-80hours
- Intern coordinated Camping, Hiking, Biking trips= 75 hours
- Assistance with continued Special Olympics training=30-60 hours
- Volunteering in the Six Points Store as needed =10+ Hours
- TOTAL=225+ Hours

Ongoing/Annual Events

Six Points silent action: annual event which takes place at Garlic Mike’s, in which a silent action is held for prospective contributors from the Gunnison community. This is a large fundraiser for Six Points, and has been a very popular and successful event. Interns will work with the Executive Director of Six Points to bring the authentic and professional level of commitment Six Points brings to all its community events.

Past Sponsors: Garlic Mikes, Gunnison Rotary Club

Responsibilities
- Ongoing cardio training/wrap up Special Olympics trainings.

- Work with staff to plan and execute trips into the outdoors, including camping trips and fishing trips.

- Communications/Advertising: If you are a student interest in organizational communications and public relations, the offices of Six Points can offer the opportunity to enhance skills in promoting events and store presence in community. Also advertising fundraising events and soliciting fundraising at times could be offered. Assistance with logistics of special events, such as 5K fundraisers and silent auctions, will also be offered.

- Assist with Social Community Connections of clients by volunteering on trips to social events, fundraisers, and celebrations of Six Points. Dates may vary throughout summer.