



Wilderness
Inquiry

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Sign Language Interpreter Application

Complete online or mail to:
808 14th Ave SE Minneapolis, MN 55414

Overview: The assistance of a **Sign Language Interpreter (SLI)** allows people who have a hearing impairment to participate on wilderness adventures. SLI's provide interpretation for important information and much of the day to day conversation. However, SLI's are NOT expected to interpret all conversations/interactions, 24 hours a day. Being an SLI is a big responsibility and it can be a lot of hard work. SLI's are greatly appreciated in making a WI group experience the best it can be.

Recognizing the significant contribution a SLI makes, a SLI does not pay any of the trip fee. However, depending upon the circumstances, the participant with a disability may be asked to pay all or part of a SLI's trip fee. WI trail staff and interns will work with the SLI to make sure that their workload is reasonable and that they avoid burn-out.

Primary responsibilities of being a SLI:

- Facilitating communication between the individual and the group
- Interpreting safety talks and trip logistical information
- Interpreting information relevant to the individual
- Keeping the line of communication between the individual and the group open.

Benefits of being a SLI:

- Satisfaction of assisting a person so that they can participate on a WI trip
- A chance to take a WI trip at no cost
- A chance to see new places and learn new skills
- A fun time with a great bunch of people

The Program Director will confirm you on a trip and your role will be defined at that time. Upon confirmation you will be asked to contact the person for whom you will be interpreting. It is important to communicate with and understand the needs of the person with whom you will be working.

Time commitment: From 3 - 18 days, depending on trip destination

Positions available per season: Dependent on individual trip needs. We send available openings via email.

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Sign Language Interpreter Application/Skills Inventory

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION ON PAGES 1 AND 2 OF THIS FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day phone: ____/____ Evening phone: ____/____

Email address: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Do you have previous experience as a Sign Language Interpreter? Yes No

If yes, how long have you worked as a SLI? _____

Do you have a flexible schedule? Yes No

Please explain: _____

How much advance notice do you require to join us on a trip?

Less than 1 week 2 - 3 weeks More than 1 month

Please rate your skill/experience in the following areas: (1= no experience, 5= expert)

Specialized SLI Skills

Working with persons with hearing impairments/deafness 1 2 3 4 5

Fluent in Sign Language 1 2 3 4 5

Providing SLI in a group setting 1 2 3 4 5

Working with persons with cognitive and/or developmental disabilities 1 2 3 4 5

Additional helpful information

Canoeing 1 2 3 4 5

Kayaking 1 2 3 4 5

Strength/stamina 1 2 3 4 5

Group skills (interpersonal and public communication, decision-making) 1 2 3 4 5

Camp skills (site selection, tent set-up, outdoor cooking, Leave No Trace) 1 2 3 4 5

I have first aid and/or water safety training Yes No

Certifications and expiration dates: _____

Please check activities of interest to you: Canoe Kayak Ski/Dogsled Hike Any

If there are other circumstances that we should know about, please explain below:

PERSONAL REFERENCES Please provide names and numbers for 2 non-family members.

1.Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

2.Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in our program--we look forward to working with you!

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