

# Wilderness Internship Opportunities in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness



The Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation (ABWF) is seeking college-age applicants for a number of Wilderness Ranger Internships for summer 2018. As a Wilderness Intern you will work closely with and perform many of the duties of the Forest Service trail crews and backcountry rangers in the A-B Wilderness. You will also participate in ABWF-sponsored work projects that rely heavily on citizen volunteers to help us complete our work. The ABWF is a non-profit dedicated to the preservation and stewardship of the A-B Wilderness by partnering with the U.S. Forest Service and other groups to complete work projects that benefit the trails, tackle noxious weeds, engage in citizen science, and protect the quality of the Wilderness experience.



## Position Responsibilities:

- Participate in training: including first-aid, sawyer, vehicle, trail maintenance, bear-safety, & Wilderness Encounters
- Considerable time on trail working backcountry trail maintenance and reconstruction projects including packing and trip logistics. Trail work includes cutting and widening of trail, sawing out downed timber, building water bars, etc.
- Assist in planning, organizing, and providing leadership for volunteers on ABWF-sponsored work projects
- Eradicate invasive weeds by hand or by chemical treatment
- Help restore and rehabilitate impacted campsites
- Interact with the public in Wilderness and at trailheads, providing information and education; inform Wilderness users of rules, regulations and safe practices
- Inventory install and remove signs in Wilderness and at trailheads; collect visitor use statistics at trailheads and along trails; conduct Wilderness Character monitoring.

**Please submit letter of interest & resume to:**

**David Kallenbach A-B Wilderness Foundation**

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## Qualifications:

***Backcountry and Wilderness Travel***—Must be able to backpack for multiple hitches of 5-10 days at a time and be able to carry a 50-lb pack plus trail tools, i.e Pulaski, shovel, saw in difficult terrain and challenging environmental conditions.

***Fitness and Self Reliance***—Possesses the physical capacity for strenuous wilderness travel and backcountry trail work; must be able to problem solve independently and be comfortable working alone while focused on personal safety.

***Communications/Teamwork skills*** —Must be able to positively interact with wilderness visitors and work effectively with a small Forest Service crew and their supervisor. Must be able to keep accurate records of work performed and be able to communicate accomplishments.

***Knowledge of Resource***—The intern must be familiar with the Wilderness Act, wilderness regulations, wilderness ethics and Leave No Trace principles, natural history, and safety/respect around wildlife.

***First Aid/CPR***—Not required, but preference will be given to those with Wilderness First Responder/First Aid and CPR credentials. Some first-aid training provided.

***Weekly Stipend and Americorps award available through Student Conservation Association or the Montana Conservation Corps.***

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