

Chugach National Forest Avalanche Center – 2016/17 Internship Program

Position: Avalanche Center/ Winter Recreation- Intern

Location: Glacier Ranger District, 145 Forest Station Road, Girdwood, AK
Chugach National Forest Avalanche Center, www.cnfaic.org

Timeframe: Minimum 2 month commitment (between December 2016 and March 2017)

This internship opportunity is open to students and aspiring snow/avalanche professionals seeking experience from a Forest Service Avalanche Center.

Intern must: Have at least AAA Level 2 avalanche education (or equivalent). Be able to ski/snowmachine in steep mountainous terrain and enjoy working in rugged winter conditions. Have a current WFR, OEC (or equivalent) medical skills and competent rescue skills. Be able to enthusiastically shovel large amounts of Chugach Powder - and not be afraid of rain. Have a professional goal towards snow science, avalanche forecasting or associated fields. Previous experience operating snowmachines (off-trail mountain riding) is a plus!

The intern will get: Housing in Girdwood (if desired) and a stipend of \$30/day worked. Housing is available at the Glacier Ranger District bunkhouse. The intern will gain experience working with an established USFS Avalanche Center and the opportunity to learn daily operations of avalanche forecasting. Additionally, he/she may be involved in public outreach and education events as well as learning winter recreation management operations. A college student may be able to receive credit for this internship.

Expectations: Intern must participate as a field partner, join in weekly stability meetings and share in other CNFAIC/Winter Recreation duties. Completion of an **internship project is required**. This is a self-tailored task culminating with a written paper or article by the end of the internship (i.e., snow/weather research, education/outreach, CNFAIC projects).

To apply: Send a cover letter and resume to Wendy Wagner at wendy@chugachavalanche.org

Application period closes July 22nd, 2016

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