

Shooting Sports Manager at the Summit Bechtel Reserve

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Background

- For the last five summers, I worked in the New River Gorge, West Virginia on a Scout camp called the Summit Bechtel Reserve
- I found this internship opportunity from organic contacts made throughout my experience in Scouting. However, the opportunity to intern here is available to nearly any college student.
- My internship was as a program assistant for the shooting sports program.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



On the 1000-yard range.

On the Job

On camp I was the James C. Justice Scout Camp Shooting Sports Director, the Marksman Experience Director, and the Barrels Manager.

- I taught archery, rifle, and shotgun merit badges, and trained the other staff for it as well.
- Every day I instructed various shooting disciplines and acted as a range safety officer
- After the Marksman week, I moved to the Barrels High Adventure shooting ranges and was chief range safety officer (CRSO).
- As CRSO, I gave safety briefings and managed all 25 barrels staff.



Instructing a Scout proper archery form.



Top: Marksman crew 2021. Middle: Sean Coleman instructs shotgun. Bottom: I supervise a lever action rifle competition.

Marksman Experience

- The marksman experience is a high adventure program at the Summit that allows Scout crews to have a unique and focused shooting sports adventure.
- I was the director for the Marksman Experience this summer.
- I lead the reintroduction of the program and lead its development after its cancellation in 2019.

In the Marksman Experience crews would:

- Receive high level instruction in archery, pistol, shotgun, and rifle shooting.
- Learn about hunter's safety, conservation, and wildlife management.
- Hit a target 1000 yards away with a rifle.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Grow closer together as a crew

Reflection

- Scouting has had a massive impact on my life, and having the opportunity to do this internship, and play a huge role in the success of the shooting sports program at the Summit meant the world to me.
- While it is not exactly a natural resources job, the skills that I gained in my internship here will carry me into my career. My leadership, team building, and confidence skills all exponentially increased after working at the Summit.
- I would recommend working at the Summit to anyone who wants an internship working in youth programming OR to anyone who wants to spend a summer in the New River Gorge!



Me telling one of my famous stories.