

# Summer Internship at Telluride Academy

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## My Internship Positions

### Business Development Intern

- Self-designed a strengths assessment for Telluride Academy through gathering and presenting qualitative data for business decision making, specifically, marketing and fundraising decision making.
- Wrote a blog article featuring an instructor to enhance media and storytelling of Telluride Academy

### Field Instructor

- Facilitated engaging and educational experiences for groups of students through environmental education, rock climbing, and backpacking.
- Adventure trips ranged from 1-4 overnights for youth ages 5-14 years-old. Highlights include leading two different 5-day, 4 overnights backpacking and rafting trips for 12-14year-olds
- Received my Wilderness First Responder Certification

**The “River n’ Ruins” camp heading to Bluff, Utah to raft and learn about indigenous ancestral sites**



**End of staff training group photo after we received our inaugural t-shirts**



## The Living Company: Telluride Academy

Telluride Academy is a non-profit experiential education camp founded in 1981 and located in the San Juan Mountains of Telluride, Colorado.

Their Mission: Inspire children and teens through experiential education that promotes physical activity, creative learning, environmental stewardship, responsibility to other and positive life choices.

The People: There are 5 full-time administrative staff and 30+ individuals who work as interns and instructors for the 10 weeks of summer they offer camp. Instructors must be 21+ and interns must be 19+.

**Teaching little Myer how to cook on camp “Pizza n Paddle”**



## Details on Discovery & Application Process

I was able to find out about Telluride Academy through a friend at a previous university who worked there. After they told me about their impactful experience working for TA, I asked them for the contact information of the director and emailed him.

The application and interview process was very comprehensive and required a resume, cover letter, extensive essay responses and two online interviews.

I initially messaged the program director in November, applied to the job in January, and found out about my job placement in February.

The working season for Telluride Academy is from late May till mid-August so it works great for both 3191 and 4191 internship courses.

**Stopping for one last photo on a five-day backpacking trip with “Lime Creek Llamas” in Silverton, CO**



## Where did I live?

Living in a world-famous mountain town, the saying goes, “Finding work is easy, housing is the hard part,” based on the isolated location, prices, and seasonal work. Luckily, Telluride Academy provides a staff house for those who are looking for accommodations.

At Leopard Creek, you get to live with people from all over the country with diverse backgrounds as well as live in a safe and affordable place. You will make friends for life living at Leopard Creek!

**Post 12-mile paddle shenanigans with camp “Surf the Gunni” in Gunnison River, CO**



## Recommendations to Interested Students

- 1 Do you want a job that will give you the ability to explore yourself, meet passionate people from around the world, get the chance to live in a breathtaking mountain town, and have a job that pushes you physically, mentally, and spiritually, then we should talk! Contact me at [Nigro.23@osu.edu](mailto:Nigro.23@osu.edu)
- 2 If you are interested in dipping your toe into the outdoor education world, this position is a great place to start!
- 3 Requires skills and strengths of being empathetic, communicative, taking initiative, and adaptability. Additionally, knowing self-care techniques are needed.
- 4 Student should be comfortable with traveling and moving to Colorado by car or plane and be confident in taking care of themselves.

**My housemates & I in front of TA’s “Leopard Creek” Staff House on the first-day of the season**

