



Passages to Recovery

Field Guide Information

Wilderness guide qualifications

Passages to Recovery field guides are unique individuals who use a broad range of skills at their jobs. Primitive/wilderness skills, CPR/First Aid are a must, most have wilderness first responder training. Familiarity with the 12 step process, recovery, and therapeutic environments allows our guides to support the individual change process. Basic requirements include High School Diploma, successful completion of Passage's to Recovery's 7 day field guide training, and a 90 day internship. Field guides must also be at least 19 years of age and pass a comprehensive background check.

Education and training for wilderness guides at Passages to Recovery

We offer our guides the chance to learn and or increase their primitive living skills, map and compass skills, gain llama handling experience, and earn Wilderness First Responder certification. Field guides at Passages to Recovery are also trained in Motivational Interviewing and Positive Control Systems. Compensation is offered for most training.

Opportunity for advancement

The field department at Passages to Recovery offers guides the opportunity to track their growth in both hard and soft skills with feedback forms and growth books. Upon completion of each growth book, an evaluation/ interview is held. At that time potential for advancement is discussed. Guide levels range from intern to Level III.

What to expect; wilderness guide responsibilities

Wilderness guides responsibilities are many and include safety, group facilitation, role modeling healthy behaviors, education around proper hygiene, camping skills, supporting students through PTR curriculum, navigating, communication and record keeping.

Wilderness guide schedule

Most shifts are scheduled 8 days on 6 days off. Senior level guides often work two weeks on with two weeks off.