

MOONDANCE 2008 STAFF APPLICATION

Name _____ Prefer to be called: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Age _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Sex _____ Social Security Number ____ - ____ - ____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent's Address _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Temporary Address Effective ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____ Your e-mail _____

Current / School Address _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Marital status: ____ Married ____ Single ____ Divorced Present Occupation _____

EDUCATION

School	Major/Degree/ Honors	Graduation Date
_____ (High School)	_____	_____
_____ (College)	_____	_____
_____ (Graduate)	_____	_____

PERSONAL

Please give us a brief biography of yourself. What are your interests? What are some of your unique life experiences? Have you participated with NOLS or Outward Bound? What leadership experience do you have? Were you a team captain? Camp counselor? Small group expedition leader for NOLS? Discuss anything significant that you would like to share, including awards, teams and accomplishments, etc. Where are you living this year and what are you doing? Please use additional paper if necessary.

How did you find out about Moondance? _____

What are your hobbies? _____

Have you traveled extensively? Where? _____

Do you speak any foreign languages? Are you fluent in French or Spanish? Please explain your depth/knowledge/experience. _____

REFERENCES

List two people for whom you have worked who can tell us about your outdoor experiences and/ or your experience working with teenagers.

1. Name _____ Position _____
Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Home Phone () - Work Phone () - Email: _____
How does this person know you? _____

1. Name _____ Position _____
Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Home Phone () - Work Phone () - Email: _____
How does this person know you? _____

MEDICAL

Do you have current (for 2008) or intend to attain any of the following licenses and/ or certifications? Please include a copy of the license/ certification with this application. Moondance requires current CPR and WFR certifications at the beginning of the summer.

_____ Wilderness First Responder Expires: _____ Registered Nurse Expires: _____
_____ CPR Expires: _____ Medical Doctor Expires: _____
_____ EMT / W-EMT Expires: _____ Other Expires: _____

If you have not obtained the minimum medical requirements for Moondance staff, you will be required to obtain it before Staff Training.

DRIVING RECORD

Driver's License: State _____ License # _____ Expiration _____

Do you have a Commercial Drivers License? [] Yes [] No State _____ License # _____ Expiration _____

Have you ever been convicted of a DUI? [] Yes [] No

Have you had any driving accidents or moving violations within the last three years? [] Yes [] No

If yes, please explain. _____

Do you have experience driving 15-passenger vans? [] Yes [] No

Have you ever pulled a trailer? [] Yes [] No

Can you back a trailer? [] Yes [] No

WHY MOONDANCE?

What three things interest you most about this job?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Why do you want to work with teenagers? Do you relate well to teens? Explain. _____

What do you think is the most important quality of an instructor and why do you think you would be a good addition to the Moondance Adventures staff?

What is your teaching philosophy? _____

What type of leader are you? Briefly describe your greatest strength as a leader. _____

What do you think is one of the most effective ways to handle a student's homesickness? _____

Please describe a situation in which you assumed a leadership role. _____

What has been your greatest accomplishment? _____

What are your long-range career goals? _____

Though infrequent, close travel in the backcountry can often lead to tense moments. How would you effectively resolve conflict between students?

What about between leaders? _____

What are some ways a student's self esteem plays a part of adventure situations? _____

How can you help enhance a student's self esteem through a venue like wilderness travel? _____

EXPERIENCE

List all formal leadership training you have had (i.e. School, Captain of sports teams, camp counselor, student government, NOLS, Outward Bound, Leadership Schools, etc): _____

Did you participate in a Moondance trip as a teenager? If so, which trip did you do and who were you leaders? _____

What was the most valuable life lesson you learned on your Moondance Adventure? _____

List any experience you have in the following:

- Group living _____

- Working with teenagers _____

Describe the most challenging situation you have ever faced. Describe the resolution of that situation. _____

List any relevant travel or guiding experience in the areas in which we travel: _____

What is the longest backpacking trip you have ever taken? Total days _____ Total miles _____ Location _____

Briefly comment on the previous mentioned backpacking trip, or any other meaningful backpacking trips you have taken. With whom did you travel?

SKILLS

ACTIVITY	No Experience	Some Experience	Much Experience	Strong Experience	Please mark the space that most appropriately describes your skill level and proficiency in teaching. Then use the space provided below to describe your experience in each activity.
Backpacking					
Rock climbing					
Whitewater rafting					
Sea Kayaking					
Mountaineering					
Community Service					
Fly fishing					
Ropes course					
Map and compass					
Leave No Trace					
Expedition planning					
Outdoor Cooking					
Group Games					
Photography					
Videography					
Computer Skills					

HISTORY

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

Have you ever been charged with a sexually related offense? Yes No

Have you ever been charged with assault or battery? Yes No

If yes to any of the above, please explain below or on a separate sheet of paper. _____

Do you authorize Moondance to perform a personal history background check? Yes No

Are you currently under, or have you ever been under, treatment for any mental or nervous condition? Yes No

If yes, please explain below or on a separate sheet of paper. _____

OPPORTUNITIES

What is the earliest date you can work? ____ / ____ / ____ Latest ____ / ____ / ____

With what age would you prefer to work? 13 - 15 15-16 17-18 No preference

Are you available for a personal interview in Asheville, NC before April 1, 2008? Yes No

Can you be available for staff training from June 1-10, 2008? Yes No

What course(s) would you prefer to work? *(Please list all that apply, with (1) being your first choice, (2) second choice, etc.)*

Blue Ridge Expedition Big Wild Colorado Trail
 California's Lost Coast Pacific Northwest Exposure Moondance Leadership
 Grand Ascents Rocky Mountain Way Northern Lights
 Machu Picchu *(fluent Spanish required)* Costa Rica Venture *(fluent Spanish required)* No preference; I'll work anywhere you need me
 Hawaiian Islands Ecuador / Galapagos *(fluent Spanish required)*
 Chamonix Alps *(fluent French required)* South Africa

FINAL DETAILS

Please attach a copy of the following to this application.

(Note: we must have these on file before you can work, and you are required by law to carry your certification cards with you at all times during your course.)

A recent photograph Copy of your current, valid Driver's License
 Copy of your CPR certificate Copy of your current Wilderness First Responder or EMT certificate.

Safety is an utmost concern with Moondance Adventures. If employed by Moondance Adventures, will you abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco or other substances that may impair your judgment during your expedition? Yes No

Moondance Adventures is an "adventure travel company," meaning that besides leading the adventure activities in the backcountry, you will also assist with coordinating and planning the final logistics of your expedition. Itineraries may change somewhat due to unforeseen circumstances. You will be viewed as a role model and mentor for the students and will be looked upon to assist them in dealing with issues both on the trail and in life. Ultimately, you are responsible for the safety and well being of the students. In addition, you will be responsible for teaching group dynamics and problem solving skills. We are seeking instructors who enjoy teenagers, travel, wilderness activities and want to be a positive influence on the students.

- If you are selected to be one of our leaders, you will be expected to carry out all of our goals and policies as they relate to our program philosophy.
- If you are employed by Moondance Adventures, you will be required to have a physical exam completed by a licensed physician, FNP or PA and submitted to the Moondance office on or before May 15, 2008.

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information I have provided in this application is correct.

I authorize Moondance Adventures to perform a personal history and background check and to make inquiries about my employment history, my driving record, and my medical certifications.

Signature

Date