SAMPLE

Internship Objectives

1. Gain new skills related to a specific activity that would be new for me. This would occur through training, allowing me to potentially lead that activity in the future.
   a. Receive appropriate training to learn new skills.
   b. Observe current programs using this activity to gain knowledge of different leaders' technical ability and their leadership styles with this activity.
   c. Gain an opportunity to take a leadership role in running that activity.

   *Note: The activity is contingent on the organization I work with*

2. Experience hands-on opportunities in all aspects of an outdoor organization.
   a. Participate in planning and marketing for programs.
   b. Experience the customer service aspect of solidifying reservations for programs.
   c. Assist in gear preparation for the actual program.
   d. Participate in the program execution.
   e. Aid in the evaluation process after the program has been completed.

3. Learn about the management processes of agency operations.
   a. Observe and interact on the front line with the day-to-day employees who engaged directly with customers.
   b. Shadow an employee at the supervisory level twice (minimally) in the course of the semester.
   c. Shadow an employee at the senior management level at least once in the course of the semester.

4. Gain a greater knowledge of the environment in which these programs are being conducted.
   a. Understand the different flora and fauna in the ecosystems I will work in.
   b. Increase my knowledge of the history of the place, from both a natural perspective and human dimensions.
   c. Learn the program history within the organization, and the relationship of that program/activity to the environment in which it occurs.

5. Work with different populations of outdoor recreation participants.
   a. Actively engage in programs with different ages, ability levels, and genders (e.g. through observation, assisting and/or direct leadership opportunities).