Stanford Pre-Orientation Trips (SPOT!)

SPOT 2011 has 245 participants signed up! Along with our 59 trip leaders, these incoming freshman and transfers will be participating in 21 backpacking trips in 8 different wilderness areas, 3 sustainable farming trips (2 of them new!) and 1 public lands service trip in the Eastern Sierra. All told, that's over 1,500 participant days, or 4 YEARS of SPOT fun packed into 5 days from September 15-19.

We have a new on-campus location for SPOT 2011. While the new recreation center (our new home!) is under construction on Roble Field, this year's SPOT will be held in the secluded Eucalyptus Grove, across Galvez St. from the Stanford Stadium. We are excited about how woodsy it is, giving SPOT training, pre, and post-trip events a more outdoorsy feel.

Kellen Asercion and Myra Messner are working hard as our SPOCs (Stanford Pre-Orientation Coordinators) all summer long to make SPOT another huge success!

Caroline Hodge and Mila Re have developed a brand new Sustainable Farming trip coordinating infrastructure from scratch to allow us to addition farming trips, including 2 new trips this year to Hidden Villa and Everett Family Farm. You ladies rock!

SPOT 2010 was a huge success!
With trips filling up in less than 24 hours, the wait list to participate in SPOT is by far the largest it has ever been. This means that SPOT is more popular than ever and that we will continue to need more leaders to meet the demand. Were you able to participate in a trip or lead this year? Interested in getting more involved in the SPOT community? There are many opportunities during fall quarter that can get you set up for the year, including taking Athletics 405: Outdoor Leadership, the first step toward becoming a SPOT Leader, Wednesday nights during fall quarter from 7-10pm.

**Been a leader?** Help instruct Athletics 405! Being an assistant instructor is an awesome way to solidify your teaching and leadership skills! Contact antja@stanford.edu if you’re interested! **Haven’t been a leader?** Finish the three training requirements and give more incoming freshman a chance to attend SPOT! You can say that YOU directly helped the SPOT program grow! Yeah SPOT!

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**Team building activities in Athletics 405: Outdoor Leadership**

**A special shout out to our SPOT 2011 Orientation Volunteers, without whom SPOT would not be possible. This year they are:** Claire Hawkins, Alyssa Reyes, Jon Fullman, Griffin Price, Daniel Esquivel-Reynoso, Molly Hayes, Charlotte Wayne, Annie Fryman, Lillian McBee, Fady Hanna, and Kristine Tom. You are all amazing!
The Stanford Climbing Wall is hiring Wall Supervisors for Fall Quarter! Please see the enclosed job description, and save the dates of October 14-16 for the required PCIA Climbing Wall Instructor training.

We had over 3,000 different people climb and over 12,000 check-ins at the wall in the past 10 months! Congratulations to all our staff for making the Stanford Climbing Wall such a welcoming and fun place to climb. Special thanks to Pat Rodriggs for taking on nearly every climbing wall staff role there is.

Welcome new Community Manager Shane Bauer and Private Events Manager Kristine Tom! Shane will be taking the helm of this new student management position at the wall, spearheading new as well as tried-and-true climbing events. Shane's job is to serve YOU, our community, and his position will be evolving to fit your needs. Kristine will be working to coordinate private events at the wall, including our ever-popular kids birthday parties.

Sign-up for one (or more!) of our 7 for-credit rock climbing and aerial fabrics on Axess in the ATHLETIC 300 series. Registration for "Recreation," i.e. non-credit climbing and fabrics classes, will be announced in September on our website as well as the climbing mailing list climbing@lists.stanford.edu.

Welcome new route setter Blaise Hamel. As the all time record holder for climbing wall check-ins by far, Blaise has earned a spot setting routes at the wall. The route setting team is hard at work every Monday making sure the wall is always fresh. Drop by to see what they do! If you are interested in learning to set, take Athletics 342: Rock Climbing Route Setting fall quarter or contact Route Setting Manager Phil Sandlin at psandline@gmail.com

Aerial Fabrics is exploding in popularity at the Stanford Climbing Wall thanks to our dedicated team of student instructors. Thanks to everyone who helped build this truly awesome program! The Aerial Fabrics Student Showcase in June had over a dozen performers and standing room only attendance. Check this out these amazing pictures and video from the event. Go ahead, sign up for class!

A new Asana all crash pad floor is coming! We will be aiming to install this new system by the end of fall quarter. Hooray for softer bouldering landings for the entire wall!

A new, cool login system on the way! With alumni staff member Robert Schiemann's ninja coding skills, we are hoping to roll out a new web-based climbing wall login system that could revolutionize the entire climbing wall industry (seriously). Some features include: real time climbing wall use stats on the web (how many check-ins this hour?), route rating system, find-a-partner, and historical use graphs. All from the comfort of your iPhone.
Our Gear Gurus have been busy all summer long equipping you with the gear you need for your adventures! Some highlights from the year include:

- 2010-2011 was SOG’s biggest year ever with over 1,000 total rental orders, serving an estimated 3,000 - 4,000 Stanford community members.

- We have a whole bunch of new gear to at SOG available for rental, including:
  - Mad Rock Crash Pads
  - Coleman 6-person family camping tent
  - Mountaineering gear: crampons, ice axes, and helmets
  - 3 types of lanterns
  - Sealine dry bags in 4 sizes
  - MSR Evo Ascent snowshoes
  - Stand-up paddle boards + PFDs
  - Lots of new maps and books to browse

- Don’t forget that SOG closes at the end of August in preparation for the Stanford Pre-Orientation Trips program! All gear is due back by August 30.

- SOG is undergoing ongoing improvements to our facilities and rental system, and we are always listening to your feedback!
Stanford Wilderness Medicine (SWiM)

The calendar is almost ready for a great year of CPR, Wilderness First Aid, and Wilderness First Responder courses to suit your certifying and re-certifying needs. With simpler and easier to follow CPR protocol, make sure your CPR is current to reinforce your practical skills! SWiM offers competitive rates and personal attention in class. Consider using SWiM for your organization or department!

New Stanford Wilderness Medicine Wilderness First Aid protocol booklet is coming! Dr. Grant S. Lipman, MD FACEP and a handful of members of his med school team, SWiM instructors, and other individuals have finalized the 2nd edition of this useful booklet. Organized with general comments, symptoms, treatments and red flag/evacuation indicators, the booklet was specially developed for individuals certified in Wilderness First Aid (WFA). The new booklet will be distributed at SPOT leader Fall Training, and will be a part of materials included in SWiM WFA courses this year.

Mark your calendars for the annual Wilderness First Responder (WFR) class offered over Thanksgiving break, November 19-27. Once again, the professionals from Sierra Rescue will be instructing this convenient course right here on campus. A great way to increase your backcountry medical training, amplify your professional certification, and be better suited in an emergency, WFR is a fantastically useful class! This year, you can even get CREDIT [2 units]! Sign up for Athletics 515: Wilderness First Responder. Cost of all course and materials is included in the extra fee. The course will be held November 19-27, 2011 with Thanksgiving Thursday off.

Already have your WFR or EMT and you’re interested in instructing? We are always looking for thoughtful, engaging, and interested students to become SWiM CPR and WFA instructors. Email swim-coordinators@lists.stanford.edu if you’re interested! An application process, interview and shadowing system is set to ease you into an instructor role. The SWiM instructor team is looking to grow and it needs you!
Introducing:
Stanford Adventure Trips (SAT)

Stanford Outdoor Education is proud to announce a brand new adventure trips program open to all Stanford community members! Stanford Adventure Trips (SAT) was created as a home for POWDERbound as they moved to Stanford Outdoor Education as well as future programs. How long ago did you take your SATs? Get ready for more!

POWDERbound will continue to offer the same amazing deals on ski resort season passes, bus ski trips, and timeshare spaces in an amazing Tahoe cabin during the winter. Bryan Henderson and his team will continue to lead POWDERbound in new and exciting directions while also looking to create future SAT programs such as WORLDbound and RIVERbound. As always the focus is on providing as many opportunities for students, staff, faculty, and friends to enjoy the great outdoors. Check the website powderbound.stanford.edu this Fall for more information! (And be sure to check this Winter for a ski trip course for credit over Spring Break!)
As you can tell, we have been working hard all summer and are excited for the upcoming year! This next year will be full of more courses, programs, events, and the construction of a NEW BUILDING to house Outdoor Education and other Recreation programs! Stanford Outdoor Education continues to grow through the thousands of students who participate in, create, manage, teach, operate, and facilitate the various components of SOE. Don’t be shy and get involved!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you this fall!

-The Stanford Outdoor Education Clofficers
(Antja, Peter, Andy)
Stanford Climbing Wall Supervisor

Location: Stanford Outdoor Education – Stanford Climbing Wall
Application Deadline: Friday, September 23, 2011
Employment Dates: Fall 2011 – Spring 2012 (3-quarter commitment preferred)

Program:
The Stanford Climbing Wall provides an environment for rock climbing and circus arts education and skill development while building an inclusive, inviting, and diverse community. The Climbing Wall is open to all Stanford students, staff, faculty, and community members. All levels from beginners to experienced are welcome and admission, equipment, and basic instruction is provided free of charge. 25 ropes, 60 routes, and 30 boulder problems bring over 3,000 unique visitors to the climbing wall each year. Classes are available in climbing technique and conditioning, route setting as well as the circus arts. The Climbing Wall also hosts campus-wide community events as well as private birthday parties, team-building, and custom programs.

Responsibilities:

- Supervise Climbing Wall activities during open hours.
- Responsibility for risk management at the wall including patrons’ proper belay technique, spotting and correct use of equipment.
- Creating a welcoming and friendly Climbing Wall atmosphere and community
- Providing belay training and certification
- Optionally providing climbing instruction to help new climbers.
- Maintain organization and cleanliness of Climbing Wall
- Facilitate customer check-ins and maintenance of records.
- Attend twice-monthly staff meetings and additional required trainings.
- Opportunity for work as staff belayers for birthday parties at an increased pay rate
- Assist with staffing needs for the annual Stanford Climbing Wall bouldering competition on Saturday, April 7, 2012.
- Other duties as assigned

Stanford Climbing Wall Supervisors are overseen by the Stanford Outdoor Education Coordinator of Operations. The typical Supervisor staff commitment is between 2.5 and 6 hours per week on average at the wall, plus staff meetings and trainings. Student
management, instructor, group facilitator, and route setting positions are also available with additional training and experience at the wall.

Required Qualifications:
- Enthusiasm for climbing and teaching others
- Friendly and outgoing nature
- Professional attitude
- Safety-consciousness
- Team player
- Ability to effectively manage time and balance academics and other commitments with work
- Successful completion and passing score in Professional Climbing Instructor Association (PCIA) Climbing Wall Instructor course. This training is provided on campus free of charge Friday evening, October 14, through Sunday evening, October 16.

Preferred Qualifications:
- Previous knowledge of climbing techniques and gear (training provided)
- Previous teaching experience (training provided)
- Event planning and logistics background

Benefits:
- $12.05+ per hour (student rate increase TBA in September 2011)
- Professional development, certification and climbing skills training through the Professional Climbing Instructors Association and StanfordClimbing Wall
- Off-hours access to the Climbing Wall
- Opportunities to participate in staff social events
- The chance to hang out at the most fun place on campus, work with the coolest staff, climb and get paid to do it

To Apply: Please send a resume and cover letter detailing your interest in the position to Peter Wright, Coordinator of Operations at peterw08@stanford.edu. Questions about the program or the position can be sent to the same e-mail address.