Graduate Assistantship
Outdoor Adventures
Texas A&M University - Commerce

Texas A&M University - Commerce Established in 1889, A&M-Commerce delivers high-quality education and relevant degrees in a comfortable, small-town atmosphere. Our relationship with the A&M University system means you’ll receive the benefits of a large university, such as state-of-the-art facilities, research opportunities with faculty known as experts in their fields, and a well-respected degree. But we’re small enough to offer the personal attention you expect from a small, private college. The university offers more than 100 major areas of study at the undergraduate, masters and doctoral levels.

Outdoor Adventure at Texas A&M University-Commerce, manages and leads an AORE affiliated outdoor program that offers:

- **Teambuilding and Leadership Development Program** with a full challenge course serving over 42 groups annually and over 1200 annual participants
  [http://northeasttexassteambuilding.org](http://northeasttexassteambuilding.org)
- **Campus Climbing and Bouldering Gym** with over 6,000 annual participants
- **Trip and Clinics Program** with over 40 (climbing, paddling, backpacking, cycling) trips and clinics annually
- **Outdoor Adventure Center** that houses a gear rental center, bike shop and a 9 hole disc golf course [http://www.tamuc.edu/studentLife/campusRecreation/Outdoor%20Adventure/default.aspx](http://www.tamuc.edu/studentLife/campusRecreation/Outdoor%20Adventure/default.aspx)
- In the process of adding a **mountain bike trail** across from the Outdoor Adventure Center starting January 2014

Part of the **Campus Recreation Department**, we manage a team of over twenty-five student workers, two professional staff members and a graduate assisted staff member that transform lives through outdoor experiences. We seek to provide superior adventure and educational opportunities promoting active lifestyles, appreciation for the natural environment, and personal development. We seek to **Inspire** people through outdoor experiences, encourage groups to **Discover** new things, and challenge individuals to **Grow**. The GA will assist the Assistant Director of Outdoor Adventure in all program components including outdoor center, climbing facility, gear rental, trip/clinic program, and teambuilding/challenge course. Depending on qualifications and experience, work load may be shifted towards more relevant areas within the Outdoor Adventures program. Position job duties include but are not limited to:

- Assist in the operations, administration, and supervision of the OA programing
- Assist in the budget process, including budget development, payroll projections, purchasing, etc
- Assist in marketing of all program aspects
- Supervise student staff including recruitment, training, and evaluation
- Assist in planning, budgeting, and leading trips and challenge course programming
- Assist in developing formalized procedures and policies relating to challenge course
- Demonstrate leadership ability/qualities
- Present self as a professional both in appearance and attitude
- Instill superior customer service mindset across student staff

Qualified applicants will:

- Gain admission to Texas A&M University – Commerce Graduate School as a full time graduate student in a related field of study
- Possess a Bachelors degree in a related field of study
- Exhibit a strong work ethic and initiative
- Experience working in an Outdoor Adventures program
- Possess extensive experience in two or more of the following: rock climbing, paddling, backpacking, challenge course facilitation, or camping
- Possess, or willingness to obtain, a valid Texas Drivers License
- Experience working with Microsoft Office Suite, namely Word, Excel, and Publisher
- Current, or willingness to obtain, Wilderness First Responder Certification
• **Preferred**: ACCT Challenge Course Practitioner Certification (Level one or two), Leave No Trace Trainer, ACA Instructor, PCIA/AMGA certifications

Compensation includes: Monthly stipend of $1,000, tuition waiver, and opportunity for health benefits.

Application Procedure:

Visit [http://www.tamuc.edu/CampusLife/campusRecreation/Outdoor%20Adventure/default.aspx](http://www.tamuc.edu/CampusLife/campusRecreation/Outdoor%20Adventure/default.aspx) and [http://northeasttexasteambuilding.org](http://northeasttexasteambuilding.org/) for additional information about our program.

Interested candidates should forward their resume and outdoor portfolio to Roger Greer at [Roger.Greer@tamuc.edu](mailto:Roger.Greer@tamuc.edu) or 903.886.5849 or Justin Crossland at [Justin.crossland@tamuc.edu](mailto:Justin.crossland@tamuc.edu) 903.468.3174. This position will be advertised at both ACCT and AORE Conference interested candidates are encouraged to voice their interest in the position at this time.