Outdoor Adventure Leadership

Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings Outdoor Adventure Leadership graduates?

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<th>Great Northern Powder Guides</th>
<th>Youth Dynamics</th>
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<td>Terry Peak Ski Hill</td>
<td>New Day Ranch</td>
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<td>Jackson Hole Mountain Resort</td>
<td>Steep World Climbing Center</td>
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What are the average annual wage/potential lifetime earnings for professionals working in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership field?

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<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Annual mean wage in MT</th>
<th>Potential lifetime earnings*</th>
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<td>Forest &amp; Conservation Workers</td>
<td>$29,320—$35,860</td>
<td>$30,550 x 39 yrs. = $1,191,450</td>
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<td>Travel Guide</td>
<td>$21,700—$27,520</td>
<td>$29,780 x 39 yrs. = $1,161,420</td>
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<td>Park Naturalists</td>
<td>$49,090—$77,560</td>
<td>$63,750 x 39 yrs. = $2,486,250</td>
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<td>Recreation Manager</td>
<td>$70,170—$83,800</td>
<td>$62,000 x 39 yrs. = $2,418,000</td>
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* Based on wage data in the Montana Career Information System.
* Based on state mean and national median wage of occupation in accordance to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings is national median wage.

What percentage of Outdoor Adventure Leadership graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 33% of 2021 Outdoor Adventure Leadership graduates that responded to MSUB’S Graduate Survey, **100% reported being employed after graduation.**

*Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

Employment opportunities with advanced degrees:

- **Environmental Technician**
- **Wildlife Habitat Development Officer**
- **Recreation Therapist**
- **Conservation Officer**

Not sure if Outdoor Adventure Leadership is for you?

1. Take an introductory class in the program such as Foundations of Outdoor Adventure Leadership with the lab! Keep mental notes or a journal to track what you like and dislike!
2. Get a part-time job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP

Overview of the OAL program:
This degree combines the study of educational and leadership theory and practices with technical outdoor travel and adventure. Students will acquire and enhance environmental skills and knowledge related to a variety of populations and explore issues ranging from ethical controversies and risk management to program design.

What makes your program unique?
We take our students out of the classroom and into field experiences whenever possible. Many classes have trip or real-life experiences built into them to give our students as much practical hands-on learning as possible.

What students like most about the OAL program:
OAL students love the hands-on and interactive approach to learning. They get the chance to get out of the classroom and into the outdoors for much of their education. Students get to try many different outdoor activities to really see what sparks their interest and imagination.

Program Webpage: https://www.msubillings.edu/chps/hhp/outdoor-adventure-leadership/index.htm