



Smithsonian
STUDENT ADVENTURES

THE ORGANIZATION

Walking Tree Travel is a student travel organization that has specialized in bringing high school students to different countries for language and service focused adventures for the past ten years. Our mission is to inspire young Americans to become global citizens by taking an active interest in the world around them. Our programs are designed for a motivated, select group of youth that is not looking for the typical tourist trip, but rather for an opportunity to form a lasting bond with another culture. The focus of our programs is on community service, language immersion and adventure travel, and all programs involve living in basic conditions, working on service projects and visiting some of the host country's best destinations.

We also operate a collection of programs under the name Smithsonian Student Adventures. These programs have been created under a collaboration with The Smithsonian Institution and follow the same mission and structure as our Walking Tree programs. Program Leaders applying on either the Walking Tree Travel or Smithsonian Student Adventures website are automatically considered for both, so there is no need to fill out two applications.

THE POSITION

Program Leaders are selected because they have shown dedication to the pursuit of foreign languages, cultural exploration and community development and want to share their enthusiasm with young adults. Leaders must be able to handle multiple issues at the same time, serve as a positive and energetic role model, and play friend, counselor, parent, guide and medical practitioner all at once, usually in at least two languages. It is a very challenging job, but even more rewarding. Our leaders have diverse backgrounds, but many are graduate students, educators or recent college graduates as they tend to have extensive time to travel during the North American summer. Leaders will cultivate curiosity, leadership and cultural awareness in our participants, communicate with the Country Operations Team and core team members, organize daily activities, and facilitate the safest, most memorable experience possible.

The right candidate will also have a strong belief in our company mission and be motivated to share this philosophy of travel with their networks. Each Program Leader

is expected to contribute at least one day of recruitment help and be available to attend a two day retreat in the spring.

THE REQUIREMENTS

- Four-year college degree or higher
- Fluent in English and host country's local language
- Experience working and traveling with high school students
- Extensive travel experience in host country
- Passion to inspire the next generation of global citizens
- Ability and desire to help recruit students and educators

To apply for a position with WTT or SSA, please fill out the application below and we will get back to you to schedule an interview if we think you might be a good fit.

<https://smithsonianstudentadventures.com/our-team/employment-application/>