

**Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship**  
**Summer 2021**

**Proposal for Fellow working remotely for organization**

- Organization:  
New Haven Youth and Recreation Department (formally known as New Haven Parks Recreation and Trees)
  - Full street address of organization:  
720 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven CT 06515  
  
[www.cityofnewaven.com/parks](http://www.cityofnewaven.com/parks)
  - Website  
[www.cityofnewaven.com/parks](http://www.cityofnewaven.com/parks)
  - Name and title of person who will be the Fellow's direct supervisor:  
Martin Torresquintero, Outdoor Adventure Coordinator
  - Phone number and e-mail address of proposed direct supervisor:  
(203)946-6868, (203)627-4909 cell, mtorresq@newhavenct.gov
  - Placement dates:  
11 Weeks, June 1 to August 13, 2021
  - Are placement dates flexible? Are you able to accommodate a Fellow working in a different time zone?  
Yes, we can start earlier or finish later if necessary
  - Proposed 37.5 hour per week work schedule:  
If we go in person, most programs will be run between 9-5 Monday to Friday, but expect to run adventure programs on evenings and/or selected weekends. If we do podcast and uploads we can do these during normal working hours, but can be flexible.
  - Organization description:  
The Outdoor Adventure Program, offers unique, challenging, safe and fun learning experiences for children, youth and adults. The Goal has been to foster an appreciation of local resources and exposure to bio-diversity and outdoor adventure activities. Going forward we will continue doing it, while maintaining Social Distance and CDC
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recommendations. These activities, specially tailored to the needs and abilities of the participants, have been raising the eco-consciousness as well as the self-confidence levels of the participants. For 2021 the Outdoor Adventure Program hopes continue to expand outdoor adventure activities including self-guided events, while following CDC recommendations.

- **Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting:**

There is a chance that we may be able to provide outdoor adventure activities, and summer camps as we did in the past. Nonetheless, depending on COVID conditions the need for planning, organizing, and providing structured programs online (and possible on-site) will be greater than ever. Work will include programs for summer camps (virtual or otherwise), and outdoor adventure activities geared towards the general public (which includes New Haven residents and non-residents).

- Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow.

The fellow will be working with the Outdoor Adventure Coordinator, the Park Rangers, naturalists, and related instructors. We may spend a lot of time arranging logistics, getting programs ready, doing virtual tours of parks and facilities, transferring and editing video-clips videos, as well as updating social media, and web content. The Outdoor Adventure Coordinator is a certified instructor in many disciplines such as swift water rescue, river rescue, kayaking, canoeing, archery, scuba diving, etc. He is also an associate video producer, with extensive work on nature documentaries for film and television. Ranger Elizabeth Kaplan has a background in Public Health and Nutrition. Ranger Aaron Robles is a canoe/kayak certified paddling instructor, and Ranger Harry Coyle is an expert in reptiles and amphibians.

Fellows will have the possibility to develop their own content if so desired, while reaching out to people of different ethnic and economic backgrounds, as well as be willing to have fun, and to make a difference.

- List specific skills/experience required for this work:

Assuming we do in-person programming, fellows should be comfortable in water and be able to ride a bicycle. We will do all in house training and provide safety equipment and related gear.

If we go virtual, Access to high speed internet connection, and computer /tablet/ smart phone capable of editing and uploading clips to social media.

Ability to have virtual meetings with the Outdoor Adventure Coordinator via Zoom, Face time, and similar.

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- Equipment/resources you will provide to help Fellow conduct work:

Fellows will be provided with Youth and Recreation Department shirts when necessary for a video tutorials, etc.

Small camera, tripod, microphone, and media related will be provided if necessary

Access to software if necessary

Email address with the City of New Haven

- Briefly describe the work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your organization in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, describe any work that Yale students have done with your organization.

It has been a real pleasure for this department to have such exemplary Fellows since the year 2000. They have brought a lot of new ideas and have been crucial in designing and implementing the summer Outdoor Adventure Program, and other camps such as the Easy breezy Asthma camp. Fellows have also learned a great deal about outdoor adventure skills, as well as and dealing with people from a wide variety of social and economic backgrounds. Therefore, I would like to have again the pleasure of working with a fellow conducting a wide array of Environmental Education and Outdoor Adventure Programs scheduled for the summer of 2021.

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