

Adventure Programs Newsletter

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Algonquin College Outdoor Adventure Programs:

- Outdoor Adventure
Guide training diploma—
graduates earn up to 22
industry certifications and
have a broad industry and
business basis
- Outdoor Adventure
Naturalist diploma—
graduates are specialists
in natural history inter-
pretation delivery and
planning, with a focus on
soft adventure guiding
- Outdoor Adventure
Therapy—new for 2005!
Focusing on wilderness
therapy and trip leading
for special populations

Consider Algonquin College Adventure Programs for:

- On campus recruiting !!
- Summer guide and sup-
port staff
- Interpretation planning
placements
- A pool of volunteers for
special projects such as
trade shows, events, or
group outings

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Greetings Industry Operators!

We hope this note finds you well and either deep in your winter season or looking forward to the upcoming summer. After what was for many the most challenging year imaginable in the tourism industry, we all look forward to getting back on track with a strong spring.

Of particular industry note is the insurance initiative put forward by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada and the CTC. Contact jdemers@tiac.aicc.ca for further details. You can also mark your calendars for two noteworthy industry gatherings: the Wilderness Risk Managers Conference in Banff (Oct. 29-31) makes its first Canadian appearance, despite having strong Canadian attendance at its American locations, and the 2004 Eco-Nord conference in Thunder Bay (Nov. 24-27), following up on the success of the 2002 version in Sudbury.

For those planning for the up-



Professor and Coordinator Jeff Jackson, Madawaska River

coming summer, consider including Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley in your recruiting plans. Our Outdoor Adventure Programs are in full swing, and can offer you highly trained guides, instructors, support staff, or interpretation skills.

At its simplest, we can post hiring announcements, or we can arrange a time and space for

you come in and recruit on campus with either presentations or interviews. Full multimedia is available.

The Outdoor Adventure guiding students are available May 1. Contact [Jeff Jackson](#), Program Coordinator, to arrange any initiatives you are considering.

Naturalist students have a 3 week work placement / project in the end of July and early August. This time may be ideal to add some peak season support, while these students can contribute valuable interpretive planning projects such as an interpretive trail plan, or a natural history workbook for guide staff. Contact [Ian Pineau](#), the Naturalist Coordinator, to discuss these opportunities.

Also on the horizon is an Adventure Therapy program and a Golf Course and Ski Resort Management diploma. Stay tuned!

Graduates in the news!

Ben Shillington (2002 grad) and Mark Leblanc (Algonquin Instructor) just returned from a Mount Everest expedition, making a high point of Camp III, and submitting the neighbouring Leboche East (21,000 ft.). The pair were part of a filming project with the Discovery Channel. "High altitude mountain climbing is different than normal

climbing. You have to embrace the pain and discomfort..." The team plans to return next season to summit. Kris Shaw (2002) is managing Voyageur Quest, a well known canoe tripping operation on the west side of Algonquin Park. "The Outdoor Adventure Program opened up a lot of opportunities for me. The sky is the limit."

Ross Nixon (2002) has started his own company *Adventura* specializing in European adventure. Shannon Hunter (2003) will be returning to the Haliburton Forest this summer with their education programs, and rock ace Scott Copeland (2003) can be seen in the newest *vision* video.