

CALL FOR STUDENT APPLICATIONS



Student Career Trek to Sweetwater County, WY November 6-8, 2019

Career Trek Details

Live Local Work Local is an opportunity for University of Wyoming students to meet with industry leaders and emerging professionals in various areas around Wyoming.

The fall 2019 trip will be to the beautiful Wyoming communities of Rock Springs and Green River in Sweetwater County. The population of the county is 43,800 and it is located in the southwest corner of the state and is a three hour drive from Salt Lake City, UT and Jackson, WY. Within closer range are Flaming Gorge Reservoir, Killpecker Sand Dunes and the Wind River Mountain Range. The area has abundant outdoor recreation opportunities and is the third largest destination-tourism site in Wyoming. Rock Springs is also home to the regional health center and education center.

The trip will include:

- Niche company site visits based on attending student's majors/career interests which could include: mine tours, start-up businesses, power plants, county/city government, healthcare, education, energy, banking, legal (to mention a few). All efforts will be made to provide educational tours based on expressed student interest.
- **Transportation, hotel and meal expenses paid by sponsors**
- Excused absence from classes
- Networking opportunities with alumni and the Chamber of Commerce Enterprise Committee comprised of business owners and community leaders

Who Can Apply

Any current UW students. All majors and levels of students are encouraged to apply as this provides a great opportunity to explore career options and network.

"I enjoyed the trip [as it was an] opportunity to experience a part of Wyoming unfamiliar to me and also to see employment opportunity beyond what is typically available at career fairs on campus."

*- Steven Cummings
Riverton & Thermopolis,
fall 2018*

How to Apply

- Submit a one page essay to include first and last name, email address, student ID#, phone number, hometown, college major/gpa, anticipated graduation month/year, local address (see the attached .pdf; print and use or create something similar as long as all information is included).
- Essay topic could include the following information:
 1. Identify any campus activities or other interests in which you are involved, any academic and/or career goals, and any interests in living/working in Wyoming.
 2. Indicate any participation in a study abroad program, any attendance at professional conferences, or any other travel experiences outside of your home state/country.
- Students will submit their application/essay to Jennie Hedrick as an email attachment: jnein@uwyo.edu. For tracking purposes, **ONLY EMAILED applications will be accepted.**
- **Deadline for Priority Consideration:** Monday, September 30
- **FINAL DEADLINE:** Friday, October 4

“Taken as a whole, I found the excursion very positive, career-oriented and informing.”

*– Opeoluwa Olawale
Gillette, spring 2019*

Commitment

Once students are selected, they are expected to:

- Attend a mandatory group meeting to meet fellow trekkers
- Learn about professional expectations
- Sign a release form
- Provide a **\$50 good-faith deposit (100% refundable upon arriving November 6 at the group pick-up location)**. If cancelling within 14 days of travel, the \$50 deposit will not be returned.

NOTES

1. The full itinerary will not be available until mid-late October. We will Leave Laramie the afternoon of Wednesday, November 6 and return the afternoon/evening of Friday, November 8.
2. Participants should be somewhat flexible due to this being a group travel experience.
3. If you cannot afford the deposit, please contact: Jennie Hedrick, jnein@uwyo.edu.
4. Once the TREK is complete, students will write a short reflection of their experience for future trek planning.
5. Live Local Work Local is sponsored by the UW ACES Office, Colleges of Agriculture, Business, Engineering and Applied Science, and the School of Energy Resources.
6. Questions can be addressed to Jennie Hedrick, jnein@uwyo.edu.

Provide information in a one-page application

(Use this form or one of your own making; make sure to include the following details)

Name:	Student W#:
Email Address:	Hometown:
College Major:	Phone Number:
Anticipated Graduation Month/Year:	Local Address:

Include:

1. A brief introduction of yourself; why you chose your respective college/university and your major-of-study.
2. Any interest in potentially living/working in the Rock Springs, WY area.
3. If you desire a specific company or industry be contacted on your behalf (for a potential site visit or networking opportunity), provide a name (OR TYPE) of company that interests you. There is no guarantee that your suggested company will actually participate but the Trek committee will make efforts to fulfill your request.

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- Email the application WITH a professional (i.e. decent-looking) headshot (picture) of yourself to Jennie Hedrick, jnein@uwyo.edu
 - Priority deadline is September 30; Final deadline is October 4. Students who meet the priority deadline will receive primary consideration.