

# RECREATION & SPORT MANAGEMENT

## Use the Career Center Services

- Visit the Career Center homepage: <http://career.indstate.edu>
- Attend a [Networking Etiquette Workshop](#) to learn how to network in a group setting and the proper behavior in business and formal dining.
- Sign up for a [Practice Interview and Critique](#) with a Career Counselor.
- Attend the [ISU CAREER OPPORTUNITY FAIRS](#) held each Spring and Fall semester.
- Use [Sycamore CAREERlink](#) to look for Internships and Co-ops in your field.
- Use [Sycamore CAREERlink](#) to be able to view job listings and to post your resume online for employers to view.
- Be sure to sign up for [campus interviews](#) in your field.

## Some Job Titles in Recreation and Sport Management

Activities Director  
Activity Therapist  
Aquatics  
Camp Director  
Director of Intramural Sports  
Director Parks and Recreation  
Facilities Management  
Field Supervisor for Parks and Recreation

Golf Operations Manager  
Manager of Entertainment Complex  
Membership Director  
Outdoor Recreation  
Program Instructor  
Recreation Coordinator

Recreation Therapist  
Special Events Organizer  
Sports Club Administration  
Sports Information/Marketing  
Sports Public Relations  
Sportscaster  
Wellness Programmer  
Youth Program Manager

## Know the Skills that Employers are Looking for in Your Field

If you look at job advertisements you will find that employers are looking for specific skills. Here is a list of some of these skills in your major areas. Consider looking at more job ads in career center resources and on the internet. From job ads you will get an idea of job titles and needed skills to land the jobs you want when you graduate.

## Recreation and Sport Management Skills

B.S. or M.S. in Recreation, Fitness, Sport Management,  
or related degree  
Internship experience  
Team player  
Able to manage multiple projects at the same time  
Coaching  
Teaching  
Skills in sports  
Planning, implementing and evaluating recreational  
programming  
Facility administration

Operations management  
Ability to work with volunteers  
Leadership and supervisory skills  
First Aid, CPR, and Safety Certifications  
Organization and planning skills for competitive  
athletics  
Experience working with special populations (e.g., at-  
risk youth)  
Interviewing, hiring, and training skills  
Program development in sports, athletics, after-school  
activities, trips, special events, crafts, and other  
recreation programming

## How can you get these skills while at ISU?

Be a student worker or volunteer in Student Life for Leadership, Homecoming, Orientation, Union Board, Multicultural Committee, etc.

Participate in intramurals

Join Professional Associations

Work on campus in ticketing through the athletic department

Get a summer job or internship, or volunteer with a professional sports organization or recreation program

Assist at LeClub

Be a lifeguard at the pool

Join a fraternity/sorority, student club or organization: become an officer; chair a committee

Volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club, in a nursing home, with youth leagues, or at the YMCA/YWCA

Join NIRSA/NRPA

Work in summer camps

Assist with summer sports camps on campus

Volunteer to write sports management student/alumni newsletter

Develop a portfolio including writing samples, press releases, audiotapes, videotapes, etc.

Assist with Special Olympics

Be an assistant coach; officiate or supervise intramural teams at high schools, college, or the YMCA/YWCA

Assist the equipment manager for one of the ISU athletic teams

Work in the Athletics Media Relations office

Assist the Athletic Trainer

Volunteer to write sports columns for the Statesman, IQ magazine, the Tribune-Star, or other publications

Assist Activity Directors or the Recreation Therapist at nursing homes, mental health centers, or rehabilitation centers

## A Sampling of Recreation & Sport Management Web Sites

<http://www1.indstate.edu/rcsm/> - Indiana State University Department of Recreation and Sport Management

<http://www.acacamps.org/> - American Camp Association

<http://www.atra-tr.org> - American Therapeutic Recreation Association

<http://www.campstaff.com> - list of camps looking for job candidates

<http://www.canadiansport.com/jobs/> - Canadian Jobs in Sport and Recreation

<http://www.coe.unt.edu/khpr> - University of North Texas: Kinesiology, Health Promotion and Recreation and Leisure Studies

<http://www.coolworks.com> - job listings in national parks, cruise lines, resorts, camps, ski resorts, ranches, etc.

<http://www.gorp.com/> - Great Outdoor Recreation Pages

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/> - Indiana Department of Natural Resources

<http://www.jobsinsports.com/> - Jobs and internships in sports: subscription required

<http://www.minorleaguebaseball.com> - Minor League Baseball

<http://www.ncaa.org> - NCAA

<http://www.nps.gov/> - U.S. National Park Service Employment

<http://www.nrpa.org> - National Recreation and Parks Association

<http://www.onlinesports.com/pages/CareerCenter.html> - Sports and Recreation jobs

<http://www.outdoorindustry.org/> - Outdoor Industry Association

<http://www.prosportsgroup.com> - Sports Management internships, jobs, resume bank: membership required

<http://www.recreationtherapy.com/> - Therapeutic Recreation jobs and internships

<http://www.rsinternships.com> - Rising Star Internships: includes areas of Parks and Recreation, Sports Management, Sports Marketing, and Therapeutic Recreation

<http://www.sportsemploymentnews.com/> - National Sports Employment News: subscription required

<http://www.sportsjobboard.com> - Official Sports Industry Job Board

<http://www.summerjobs.com> - great list of summer jobs/internships in camps, resorts, national parks etc. Use key words such as fitness, sports, recreation, etc.

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov> - federal government entry-level professional jobs

<http://www.ussa.edu/> - United States Sports Academy

Try using [Monster](#), [Google](#), or [Yahoo!](#) and entering an appropriate search term, such as, **RECREATION JOBS** and see what happens.

You may also wish to visit the web pages of Recreation and Sport Management departments at other colleges and universities.

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