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RECREATION, TOURISM, AND NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

ABOUT MY MAJOR

In Recreation, Tourism and Nonprofit Leadership you are exposed to a lot of different areas. I think it's really beneficial because if you don't know exactly what area you want to go into, you get the opportunity to be introduced to various different areas and figure out what your strengths are. With recreation you can do therapeutic recreation, with tourism you can do event management and community planning, and with nonprofit leadership you can get your CNP (certified nonprofit professional).

CHOOSING MY MAJOR

I was a transfer student and I didn't know what I wanted to do. I started out as an Elementary Education major and I lasted two days in the program before I realized it wasn't a good fit. I started thinking back to all my experiences and realized that I always liked summer camps. I knew that working that type of job was similar to teaching in a more informal setting. That's how I got interested in my major.

MINORS & CERTIFICATES

Some of my peers are minoring in Religious Studies because they want to work in a church camp setting. Other people get the Outdoor Recreation Certificate. The RTNL major is unique because you choose an emphasis area and you will automatically get a certificate in that emphasis area at the end of the program.

INTERNSHIPS

Currently, I'm completing an internship at Crawdaddy Outdoors. It's a sports shop in Waverly, IA. I started working there as an employee and then this evolved into an internship opportunity. I'm currently working on staff training and developing the Staff Training Manual. I host different staff training sessions and I've created a binder that outlines all of the different things we do. Crawdaddy Outdoors is unique because they don't just sell products, they also take people on trips and clinics.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

I'm part of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance here on campus. In the fall, we primarily work on our annual campaigns. We develop fundraising skills like how to call people and how to raise money and work towards a common goal together. We also get to travel to a conference. This year, we went to Houston and it was focused on fundraising again. In the spring, we typically do our service project. We partner with a different nonprofits in the Cedar Valley and we complete a project of whatever they need.