



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Instructor/Guide (Raft Guide)

Pay rate: \$140/day

Part-time work: 10-20 hours/week

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In the fall of 1971, a group of UC Davis students organized and hosted a gathering of students from Northern California and Oregon to discuss how to put together an outdoor program. The result of this meeting was the formation of an organization called Outdoor Adventures.

Today, with over 1500 participants annually, OA offers more than 150 different classes and trips. This is all made possible by a diverse group of approximately 75 active guides, teaching assistants and student office staff. Additionally, to help coordinate these programs OA employs one full-time Director and four student managers.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Under the supervision of the Water Sports Student Manager and Career Staff, Raft Guides lead weekly whitewater rafting trips throughout Spring and Summer. Trips take place on the South Fork of the American River and generally are scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays. Guides are responsible for trip preparation, execution, cleanup, as well as driving 8 passenger vans to and from the river. No experience necessary, we will train the right person.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- *Strong* organizational skills
- Excellent time-management skills
- Ability to work with little direct supervision and collaboratively with all managers
- *Strong* verbal and written communication skills
- Positive attitude and the ability to work well a diverse group of people
- Proven ability to follow-through
- Experience teaching or working in a leadership role
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs unassisted
- Valid CA Drivers License
- Able to work at least 3 days a quarter, 3 quarters a year

REQUIRED TRAININGS/ CERTIFICATIONS

- All Raft Guides for Outdoor Adventures must be able to attend ALL aspects of our guide training (unless they have 3 years previous experience). Guide training dates are as follows:
 - Classroom Sessions - February 28th, March 6th, March 13th 6:30pm - 9:30pm
 - Field Instruction - March 23- March 30, 2024
- Wilderness First Aid - all Outdoor Adventures guides must obtain Wilderness First Aid training prior to their first trip. This training is provided by Outdoor Adventures.
- Swift Water Rescue - Swift Water Rescue certification required for all Outdoor Adventures Raft Guides. This certification is provided during the Field Instruction element of guide training.
- Additional training days as necessary: It is common for new guides to need additional training after guide school. New trainees can attend any trip as an Assistant Guide to gain more experience until they feel they are able to pass a skills test. Only after the skills test has been completed can a new trainee sign up to work trips.

PREFERRED START/END DATES

Trips start in April and end in late October. Guide staff must be available to work at least 3 trips in the Spring and 3 trips in the Summer.

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINE

Applications open January 8th at 8am and close January 29th at 8am.

Employment Application can be found here: <https://forms.gle/e6JzrSn1LiRnpdDf6>

SELECTION PROCESS

Selected applicants will be invited to interview for the position.

*Applicants who are not selected for an interview will not be notified due to high application volume

We encourage all interested parties to apply regardless of previous outdoor experience, race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or genetic information. Outdoor Adventures is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment for all students. COME AS YOU ARE!

We look forward to meeting you and seeing your application!

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