



## Environmental Traveling Companions Winter Program Volunteer Program

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### Description of Organization

ETC is a non-profit, volunteer based organization that provides outdoor adventure and environmental education experiences for people of all abilities. ETC conducts Sea Kayak, Whitewater Rafting, and Cross Country Skiing trips for youth and adults from under-resourced backgrounds, people with disabilities, and extended Youth Leadership Programs for under-resourced youth.

### Position Description

Our volunteer guides are dedicated and caring professionals. They are highly skilled in providing leadership on two day/two night cross-country skiing trips for people who might otherwise not get the chance to experience the beauty and challenge of the outdoors. The ETC Winter cabin in Arnold, CA is ideally located a short drive from Bear Valley Nordic Center and five minutes from the Calaveras Big Trees State Park, home of the Giant Sequoias.

### Duties & Responsibilities

- Seek to provide meaningful outdoor experiences for ETC participants
- Work within a team of guides to ensure trips are operated in a safe manner
- Assist with all aspects of trip logistics including equipment set-up, meal preparation, and trip closing
- Facilitate activities focusing on group development, cross-country skiing instruction, environmental education, and human and natural history

### Qualifications

- No experience is necessary - only the motivation and willingness to challenge yourself and have fun
- Enthusiasm for sharing the outdoors with people of all abilities and backgrounds
- Experience with environmental education or leading outdoor trips preferred but not required
- Experience working with youth or special needs programs preferred but not required
- Current CPR and First Aid Certifications are required (WFA or WFR are preferred)
  - ETC is coordinating a discounted CPR/First Aid Training on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at the Presidio Sports Basement

### Winter Training Guide School – Attendance at Training For New Guides is Mandatory

Please note: Due to COVID-19, ETC has cancelled training dates scheduled previously. New dates will be announced for Winter 2020-2021

- Dates:
  - Application Deadline: TBD
  - Interviews: Ongoing
  - Policies and Procedures: TB Ft Mason Center, SF
  - **Training:** TBD at ETC cabin in Arnold, CA
    - ✦ Thursday evening (~7pm) to Sunday afternoon (~2pm)

### Term & Commitment

- New-guide training in January
- 2 volunteer Winter trips during season
- Winter season generally runs January through end of March/early April

**Training Cost:** \$150 covers all instruction, equipment, overnight reservations, and food for all of training (some sliding-scale scholarships available)

**To Apply:** Submit application available through a link at [www.etctrips.org/volunteer](http://www.etctrips.org/volunteer) with resume (optional) to Winter Program Manager, by **TBD, 2020**.

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