



**Environmental Traveling Companions
Rafting Program
Volunteer Announcement**

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 and people with disabilities as well as extended Youth Leadership Programs for disadvantaged youth.

Position Description

Our volunteer guides are dedicated and caring professionals who are also highly skilled in providing leadership on one to three day whitewater rafting trips on the South Fork of the American River for people who would otherwise not get the chance to experience the beauty and challenge of the outdoors.

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
- Assistant Guide in a raft with a checked out Guide or Guide your own raft (following successful completion of the check out process)
- Assist with all portions of day of trip logistics including equipment set-up, meal preparation, and trip closing
- Facilitate activities focusing on group development, raft 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)

Required Training

- Inclusion Training: May 20-21, 2023
- Guide School: May 22-28, 2023
- Swiftwater River Rescue Certification: June 3-4, 2023

Term & Commitment

- River Guide School, Inclusion Training, River Rescue Certification
- 8 volunteer days during first year
- 6 volunteer days during second year
- River season generally runs May through early November

Training Cost: \$625 covers all instruction, food, and overnight lodging (some sliding-scale scholarships available)

Volunteer and Training Location: ETC River Camp on the South Fork of the American River in Lotus, California

To Apply: Submit application available through a link at www.etctrips.org/volunteer/ with resume (optional) to riverprogram@etctrips.org with the subject line "River Volunteer Application", by **March 15th, 2023**