



Position Announcement

Board Member

Environmental Traveling Companions

The Opportunity

Are you passionate about nature and the great outdoors? Do you want to play a leadership role in helping ensure the transformative power of outdoor adventures is available to all? If so, joining the Board of Directors of Environmental Traveling Companions might be your next great adventure!

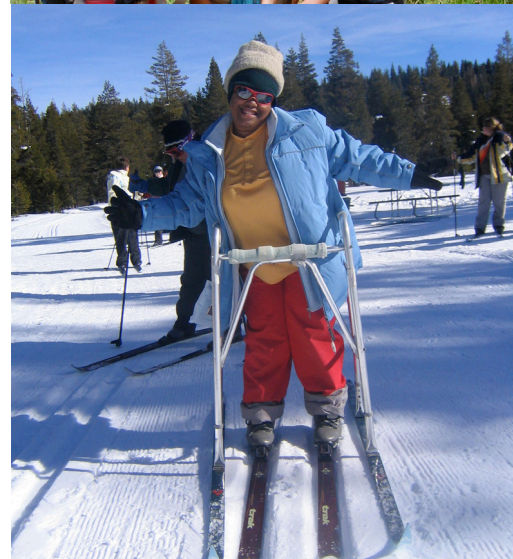
As a member of the Board of Directors, you would help oversee an outstanding organization with a 50-year history of success in offering accessible, educational and transformational adventures to people of all ages with disabilities and youth from under-resourced backgrounds. This is a financially solid organization, with a strong and dedicated professional staff, a hardworking board of directors, a large cadre of skilled and dedicated volunteers, many long-time individual donors and foundation supporters, and a national reputation for excellence in the realm of accessible adventures. Building on the past successes of ETC, and working with our new Executive Director, the Board of Directors is helping to guide the organization into its next half century.

Position Summary

ETC seeks Board Member candidates with a passion for sharing the world of outdoor adventures and environmental education programming with people who historically have had limited access. ETC's Board of Directors advises the Executive Director and staff on the execution of programs and strategic topics. Together, they collaborate to develop annual, mid-range, and long-term goals for the organization.

The Board builds or strengthens relationships with important stakeholders including philanthropists, foundations, and civic leaders. We help provide financial, legal and risk management oversight of the organization, and we support fundraising both directly and through the solicitation of donations and gifts. Board Members attend and promote ETC's Annual Gala and other key events, and each Board Member leads or supports one or more Board committees. Board Members are expected to actively participate in board meetings (approximately 4-6 per year), and to serve at least one 3-year term (renewable with Board approval).

ETC's Board supports the Executive Director in leading a dynamic team of staff and volunteers to deliver exceptional accessible programs to ETC participants, in partnership with social services agencies, schools, and other groups.



To Apply

If you are interested in being considered for an ETC Board Position, or if you know someone who is, please let us know!

- Please complete an ETC Board Interest Form by clicking on the box below

APPLY HERE!

- Or by accessing the form here: <https://forms.gle/fKrEUEfTvFXoPCVE7>
- To receive a paper copy or other alternative format for accessibility, please contact us at: development@etctrips.org
- We will follow up with you after you submit your form.
- Thank you for your interest in and support of ETC!

Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

ETC is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to a work environment that supports, inspires, and respects all individuals. We strongly encourage candidates of all abilities and from diverse backgrounds to apply.



About Environmental Traveling Companions

Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC) is a 50-year old nonprofit organization based in San Francisco, California that makes the joy and challenge of outdoor adventures accessible to people with disabilities and youth from under-resourced backgrounds, inspiring self-confidence, connection to nature, and stewardship of the environment. ETC offers educational and transformational outdoor adventures through our Sea Kayaking, Whitewater Rafting, Cross-Country Skiing, and Youth LEAD programs.

ETC was founded on California's Stanislaus River in 1972 by three commercial river guides who were inspired to share the river they loved with people who were otherwise unable to access the experience of rafting this beautiful whitewater river. In 1975, ETC became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and the first organization in the nation to offer adaptive whitewater adventures for people with disabilities. Since then, thanks to our many collaborative partners and outstanding volunteers, ETC has shared transformational outdoor adventures with over 107,000 participants with physical and developmental disabilities, life threatening illnesses, as well as youth from under-resourced backgrounds. The ETC community - our staff, board, volunteers, and partners - is dedicated to bringing the joy of adventure to all.



ETC Signature Programs

Whitewater Rafting: Based at ETC's accessible and ecologically designed river camp on the South Fork of the American River, participants enjoy exciting rapids, and learn about riparian ecology and river conservation. ETC also offers occasional river trips in other destinations, including the Rogue River in Oregon, and the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon.

Sea Kayaking: While kayaking on beautiful San Francisco and Tomales Bays, participants enjoy close encounters with harbor seals and pelicans, while learning about the marine habitat and stewardship. ETC also offers sea kayaking trips to Mendocino, the Sea of Cortez in Baja, and other beautiful destinations.

Cross-country Skiing: For many participants, an ETC winter ski trip is their first experience in the snow. They explore the ski trails at Bear Valley Nordic, and delight in the Giant Sequoias in Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

Youth LEAD Program: Teens from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds participate in ETC's 14- to 21-day adventure courses focused on building leadership skills, learning about local ecosystems, and environmental stewardship. A select number of Youth LEAD alumni participate in a Youth LEAD Fellowship, which prepares them for further leadership in ETC and in life.

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