



# Environmental Traveling Companions

## Rafting Program

### Volunteer Announcement

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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 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

- Guide School: April 13-20, 2024
  - Swiftwater Rescue Training Included
- Inclusion Training: May 18-19, 2024

#### 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:** \$700 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/](http://www.etctrips.org/volunteer/) with resume (optional) to [riverprogram@etctrips.org](mailto:riverprogram@etctrips.org) with the subject line "River Volunteer Application", by **March 15th, 2024**