

Puget Sound Sea Kayak Day Trips Guide Job Description

Title:

- Sea Kayak Guide for Puget Sound Day Trips

Prerequisites:

- Cheerful (lots of smiles), positive and interested in helping customers
- Be interested in customers and in learning about them
- Must love Sea Kayaking and sharing trips with others
- Strong Sea Kayaker familiar with our trip areas – scouting trips required
- Know, or be able to learn, local natural and human history of each trip area
- Able to lift 65 pounds
- Current First Aid & CPR
- Able to provide basic Sea Kayak instruction, guide or instructor certification preferred
- Able to provide a safe trip environment and able to perform open water rescues of double sea kayaks
- Able to purchase (reimbursed), organize and prepare lunches (sandwich smorgasbord)
- Clean driving record
- Washington State Patrol background check required and be able to safely drive (including backing) a 15 passenger van with a trailer

Job Description:

- Coordinate with office staff on trip customers
- Call clients 3 days before the trip to introduce yourself and confirm
- Meal purchasing and preparation the night before the trip
- Ensure van has enough gas for the round trip – if not fill
- Attach trailer to van and back into loading area
- Load kayaks, skirts and meals onto trailer and van, with caddy unassisted
- Greet clients as they arrive
- Ensure all paperwork is complete
- Size PFDs and paddles and load into van
- With clients in van, drive to put in – lots of interaction with customers and excited anticipation of trip
- Unload boats and equipment
- Provide basic instruction
- Explain Cascade's strict leave no trace policy
- Organize customers and gear into Sea Kayaks
- Lead Trip
 - Describe route as followed
 - Tell stories about regional and local natural history
 - Tell stories about local human history
 - Frequently comment on beauty of region
 - Show interest in customers and in learning about them
 - At lunch stop, organize meal, present artfully, leave no trace
- End of Trip - load equipment and clients
- Drive back to boathouse – continue interaction with customers, talk about future trips and lessons
- Thank customers and bid farewell, encourage to take another trip or register for a lesson
- Unload boats and equipment, thoroughly wash and put away
- Have customers complete evaluation
- Complete trip report form
- Communicate with management regarding trip and ways to improve

Application

Send resume and cover letter to itsfun@canoe-kayak.com