



CANOE/KAYAK RIVER GUIDE

Position Announcement

Job Description

The San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust is seeking part-time seasonal River Guides for our public Canoe and Kayak programs along the San Joaquin River Parkway. River Guides receive training for all duties, which include: leading engaging tours that connect the public with the natural and cultural history of the San Joaquin River. As part of a collaborative team of fellow guides, volunteers, and other Trust staff, River Guides help connect the community to the river through safe, memorable on-river adventures.

Time Commitment

Typically, between 6-32 hours/month. Hours are assigned in advance. Public trips are typically scheduled for Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings; field trips and other specially arranged trips take place on weekdays or other weekend times.

Season

Public Program: May – September, weather and river conditions permitting. Training is typically held in April.

Field Trips: Trips may be scheduled throughout the school year, with MUSD 6th grade trips occurring in February through early April.

Pay Rate: \$18-\$22/hr depending on experience

Responsibilities

- Guiding canoe and kayak trips along the San Joaquin River
- Presenting interpretive info on natural history, river restoration, and Native American culture
- Modeling conservation ethics and following established protocols and policies
- Teaching water safety and boating skills to members of the public (Ages 12+)
- Responding effectively in emergencies
- Loading and unloading canoes, driving Parkway vehicles with or without a trailer, and shuttling guests between program locations
- Maintaining program equipment and ensuring property security
- Supporting training of volunteers as needed

Qualifications

- Prior canoeing and/or kayaking experience in swift and still water, preferably on the San Joaquin River reaches between Millerton and Hwy 99
- Strong communication skills; previous experience working with the public or teaching preferred.
- Bilingual Spanish or Hmong preferred.
- High level of fitness, ability to easily lift at least 40 lbs. overhead
- Comfortable in and around water, with strong swimming and boating experience.
- Attend all required training sessions.
- Commitment to a May through September season with reasonable availability on tour days (typically Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings)
- Education and/or previous experience in the natural sciences preferred.
- Must possess a valid CA driver's license, have transportation, and be comfortable towing a trailer.
- Current CPR/First-Aid certification or ability to obtain it.

To Apply

Physically or electronically submit a cover letter, resume, a completed [Job Application](#), and a completed [DMV report](#). Applications may be submitted to: Carina Damian at cdamian@riverparkway.org