



RIVER TOURS VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

General Description

River Tours Volunteers assist with leading public downriver and calm water kayak and canoe tours during the regular River Tours season. Volunteers greet participants and assist the River Tour Guide with assorted duties including shuttling participants and boats between the put-in and take-out points for each tour, loading and unloading the boat trailers, and group management while on the water.

Program Timeline

- River Tours typically take place Fridays through Sundays from May to September of each year (depending on water levels).
- Volunteers must take part in 2 trainings prior to the beginning of the season (training typically takes place in April/May of each year).

Responsibilities

- Attend 2 training sessions (one 'dry-land' and one 'downriver') prior to the beginning of the season.
- Assist with at least one downriver or calm water trip per month during program season.
- Greet program participants at take-out points and answer general questions when necessary.
- Shuttle boat trailer between put-in and take out points.
- Assist River Tour Guide with leading downriver portion of trip/group management while on the water.

Qualifications

- Prior canoeing and/or kayaking experience in swift and still water, preferably on the San Joaquin River reaches between Millerton and Hwy 99
- Physical ability to lift 40 lbs and climb a ladder
- Valid driver's license (must submit a DMV report)
- Willing to drive a truck and tow a trailer (truck and trailer River Parkway Trust property, training provided)
- Passion for canoeing/kayaking and the outdoors

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