



Nashoba Paddler Employment

Job Description: **River Classroom®** **Educator/ Assistant Canoeing Guide**

JOB DESCRIPTION

Join our enthusiastic team of River Classroom® Educator/Canoeing Guides! Nothing is more rewarding than bringing a classroom of students outdoors on a river in canoes to learn! Nashoba Paddler partners with the Nashua River Watershed Association on their River Classroom® programs. We are currently seeking someone who loves working with children, is enthusiastic about outdoor inquiry-based science education, and is an avid paddler.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- ☐ Co-lead programs which utilize canoes to conduct river field studies
- ☐ Lead inquiry-based discussions and explorations to excite and educate students about the river ecosystem
- ☐ Assist Lead Guide(s) in providing safe and enjoyable canoe trips for students and chaperones as they study and explore the river
- ☐ Provide paddling assistance and encouragement to participants as needed
- ☐ Perform rescues and assist with emergencies should they ever occur
- ☐ Run shoreline Aquatic Insect Investigation programs
- ☐ Load and unload canoes and equipment from trailer, set-up for programs, clean and organize boats and equipment at end of day

QUALIFICATIONS

General requirements

- ☐ Prior experience working with groups of children, teaching preferred; Science background a plus
- ☐ Trip-guiding experience a plus. Must possess or obtain the following certifications: CPR and First Aid. (Training provided)
- ☐ Able to maintain interest and control of group of students and adult chaperone
- ☐ Must possess time management skills and flexibility in order to run program within time constraints
- ☐ Able to make sound judgments regarding safety both on the shoreline and on the water
- ☐ Able to handle emergencies on the water and shoreline including execution of rescues and re-entries, towing a canoe, and communicating effectively to the other guides and the group

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Physical requirements

- ☐ Must possess ability and strength required to load and unload canoes from trailer, carry them to and from launching area, and assist participants getting in and out of canoes
- ☐ Must possess stamina and strength to paddle two consecutive 1-3 hour canoe trips, possibly in difficult paddling conditions such as wind or current, and able to assist participants simultaneously
- ☐ Comfortable being outdoors for duration of the program and work in variable weather conditions

SALARY/BENEFITS

- ☐ Starting \$13 - \$14/hour
- ☐ Free personal use of Nashoba Paddler LLC boats (some restrictions apply)
- ☐ This position is per diem, part time, weekdays during May, June, Sept., and Oct. It may be possible to combine this position with additional hours at our rental site. It may also be possible for the right candidate to apply for a summer position, Camp Aquatics Director/ Canoeing Trip Leader also available at Nashoba Paddler LLC's summer camp, River Camp

AVAILABILITY

May, June, September, October - part time, weekdays

TO APPLY

To apply, send resume and cover letter to diane@nashobapaddler.com

Application Closing Date: When filled

Application Contact Email: **diane@nashobapaddler.com**

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