

Position Announcement: Kayak Instructor

Work at a beautiful waterfront paddling center, work very hard, with a wonderful staff, enjoy great benefits, and have lots of fun.

Part-time, April through September, may be combined with a guide or retail position to reach full time status

Title and general description:

- Kayak Instructor
- In a student-focused environment, assist students in learning skills in Get Started Kayaking and Level 1 programs.

Prerequisites:

- Cheerful, playful and outgoing (lots of smiles), positive and interested in helping students
- Empathetic to students' needs
- Works well with others, likes to work hard, likes a variety of types of work – some physical, some intellectual, likes to learn new things – inquisitive, explorative
- Touring kayak skills at an instructor level, ACA and/or BCU certification preferred. ACA instructor training provided if needed.
- Analytical – able to understand skill models, assess student skills and devise tactics to guide students learning to more closely approximate models
- Able to follow Cascade lesson plan
- Responsible self-starter
- Likes to work in an outdoor environment
- Organized
- Able to follow Cascade company procedures and guidelines
- Able to plan personal schedule and meet commitments
- Able to lift 65 pounds
- Able to safely drive a 15 passenger van, including driving forwards and backwards
- Able to load touring kayaks on top of a 15 passenger van
- Current First Aid & CPR, MOFA preferred
- Washington State Patrol background check required

Description:

- Get Started Kayaking
 - Meet and greet students
 - Provide course overview
 - Select and adjust kayaks, paddles, skirts and PFDs to match students' needs
 - Teach parts of the kayak
 - Teach efficient forward stroke, get students started with skill development
 - Teach maneuvering strokes including sweeps and draws
 - Teach assisted rescue, both as rescuer and rescuee
- Level 1 Instruction
 - Meet and greet students
 - Provide course overview
 - Fit dry suits and explain care
 - Select and adjust kayaks, paddles, skirts and PFDs to match students' needs
 - Teach parts of the kayak
 - Teach efficient forward stroke, get students started with skill development
 - Teach maneuvering strokes including sweeps and draws, push away, combining strokes, combining strokes with edging
 - Teach assisted rescue, both as rescuer and rescuee
 - Teach edging

- Ensure paperwork is properly completed
- Listen to customer input and needs and provide information
- Properly complete end of class report
- Help keep working areas clean and orderly
- Communicate with management regarding ways to improve
- Attend staff meetings
- Knowledgeable about our programs and pleased to share that information with customers (training provided)
- Must have fun!

Application

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