



Canoe / Kayak Team

Volunteer Guide

Description of Position

Volunteer Canoe / Kayak Guides lend general support and assistance to our tour leaders, mostly during 3- and 5-hour canoe tours along the San Joaquin River. During these activities, they assist with essential tasks, including loading and unloading the canoe trailer and serving as a back-up van and trailer driver, helping to fit guests with life jackets and select a paddle, collecting liability release paperwork, and accompanying the group down the river as a general extra hand.

Our public canoe tours, as well as our spring school field-trips, are generally during the months of May through October, according to water flow. Tours are mostly Fridays – Sundays, however, we have a significant number of events at the beginning and the end of the overall season which are on weekdays. We also lead a limited number of tours during the months of January and February, during the migratory Bald Eagle bird-watching season. In general, we have one volunteer and one tour leader during each trip.

Volunteers of the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust are encouraged to maintain a positive, professional manner, and a cooperative and flexible attitude in all interactions with guests and staff members while performing their volunteer service.

Volunteer Guides receive thorough training for all relevant activities prior to service, during sessions conducted by trained professionals. Experience with historical, cultural, and natural interpretation and first-aid/CPR is not required, but is helpful and beneficial to guests. Volunteers with the Canoe / Kayak program must be physically fit and able to lift 40 pounds overhead, and be free from injury.

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