

River Classroom® Educator / 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! River Classroom® is a Nashua River Watershed Association program in partnership with Nashoba Paddler LLC. We are currently seeking someone who loves working with children, is enthusiastic about outdoor inquiry-based science education, and enjoys paddling.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Co-lead school programs which utilize canoes to conduct river field studies on quiet water rivers
- 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

- Enjoys working with groups of children, teaching experience preferred; Science background 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 chaperones
- Time management skills and flexibility required in order to run programs within time constraints.
- Able to make sound judgments regarding safety both on the shoreline and on the water and communicate effectively with the other guides and the group.

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Physical requirements

- Must possess ability and strength required to assist in loading and unloading 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 working in variable weather conditions

SALARY/BENEFITS

- Starting \$16.50/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.

AVAILABILITY

• May, June, September, October - part time, per diem weekdays

Send resume and cover letter to diane@nashobapaddler.com

- Application Closing Date: When filled
- Application Contact Email: diane@nashobapaddler.com

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