



Title: Kayaking Expedition Guide

Hours: Seasonal, Hourly, 10-15 hours/week on average, not to exceed 35 hours per week

Compensation: \$13/hour + regular giveaways/perks

Description: Expedition Guides lead kayaking and rowing excursions from the Seaport Docks to historic and environmental landmarks along the Delaware River and connecting waterways. These excursions involve guiding groups of 10-15 adults while following proper safety protocols. Additional duties include preparing boats and safety equipment for customers, and assisting with kayaking expedition programming. Expeditions run most Saturday and Sundays, and some weekdays after 4pm, and Saturdays. This seasonal position runs from mid-May through September. Pre-season training in late April and early May is required. This position can be combined with a position as a dock hand for additional hours.

Qualifications:

- Substantial experience in kayaks a must
- Must be comfortable being the leader of a group, speaking clearly and loudly
- Small craft, lifeguard, first aid, swift water rescue, wilderness first aid, scuba certifications a plus
- Takes initiative in regular duties
- Comfortable handling on-water emergency situations
- Ability to operate a motored boat
- Basic computer skills
- Excellent interpersonal communication and flexibility
- Ability to represent the Museum to potential visitors
- Ability to work long hours outdoors in the summer weather and to stand and sit for long periods of time
- Patience and attention to detail
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance required, form provided
- Must be able to lift 50lbs
- Must be over the age of 18

Duties:

- Lead tours via kayak/canoe/whale boat to surrounding river locations
- Opportunity to lead school groups and teen camps on boating basics and advanced expeditions
- Prepare boats and safety equipment for expedition customers as well as for end-of-day storage
- Safely assist customers into and out of boats and while on the expedition
- Provide paddling lessons when necessary
- Calmly handle situations on the water
- Assist with excursion and dockside related programming and events
- Observe and enforce proper safety standards during excursions
- Perform routine maintenance on docks, kayaks, and equipment
- Perform other duties as assigned, related to the kayaking expedition guide

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To apply:

Send a cover letter and resume showing how you meet the qualifications of this job in an e-mail to Kaitie Sniffen, at ksniffen@phillyseaport.org Please place the job title in the subject heading. No phone calls.

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Location: Independence Seaport Museum, 211 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19106. The Museum is easily accessible by public transportation and nearby parking.