

Environmental Traveling Companions

Youth LEAD Program - Field Instructor

Organization Description:

Since 1972 Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC) has been opening the beauty and challenge of wilderness adventures for people of all abilities. Every year, over 2,000 people with special needs join ETC to raft whitewater rivers, ski across alpine meadows, sea kayak the waters of the Golden Gate, and sleep beneath the open sky. ETC trips enable participants to access the wilderness, gain environmental awareness, and share in the adventure.

Program Description:

The Youth LEAD (Leadership, Environment, Adventure, and Diversity) Program (YLP) trains diverse groups of high school students in environmental education, leadership and outdoor skills development. The YLP 14- and 21-day courses incorporate multiple outdoor activities to expose youth to an array of learning experiences. Students use the various activities and ecosystems to learn about watershed ecology, natural history, and environmental sustainability through lessons and storytelling.

Program Dates:

June 7th - 11th – Instructor Training on Angel Island and Fort Mason Center

June 17th - June 30th: 14-Day Young Women's Course: Ropes Course, Sea Kayaking on Tomales Bay, Expedition Backpacking through Point Reyes National Seashore (Instructor Prep June 14-16; Post Day July 1)

June 24th - July 14th: 21-Day Young Women's Course: Ropes Course, Sea Kayaking on Tomales Bay, Expedition Backpacking through Sierras, Whitewater Rafting on S. Fork of the American River (Instructor Prep June 20, 21, 23; Post Day July 15)

July 15th - August 4th: 21-Day Co-ed Sea-to-Source Course: Ropes Course, Sea Kayaking on Tomales Bay, Expedition Backpacking through Sierras, Whitewater Rafting (Instructor Prep July 11, 12, 14; Post Day August 5)

July 28th – August 11th: 15-Day Co-Ed All Access Course: Sea Kayaking on SF Bay and Angel Island, Whitewater Rafting on S. Fork of the American River (Instructor Prep July 25, 26; Post Day August 12)

Job Responsibilities:

The Field Instructor will work with the Youth LEAD Program Manager to deliver safe, educational, and enjoyable wilderness courses. The Field Instructor will work collaboratively with a co-instructor, a group of 4-6 volunteer guides, and instruct a group of 10-14 students. They will also provide program oversight of all YLP logistics. These logistics include but are not limited to: van driving, facilitating group games and initiatives, providing instruction in technical skill & communication skill development, preparing and packing food, writing student evaluations and completing other necessary paperwork, as needed. This position reports directly to the YLP manager.

Qualifications:

- Current Wilderness First Aid/Wilderness First Responder and CPR certification or higher
- Past employment as an instructor in a backcountry setting during extended expeditions
- Experience working with diverse groups of urban, under-resourced youth
- For 3 week courses, experience guiding backpacking trips is mandatory
- Ability to communicate positively, values feedback, and able to work in a team environment
- Experience working as a sea kayak or rafting guide/instructor (preferred)
- * Hiring dependent on background check and DMV driver check

Salary: Depends on Experience

Application deadline: February 15th

To Apply, please send resume and cover letter detailing your qualifications and how this position fits into your future goals to:

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