

Wilderness Guide

Sail2Change is a nonprofit organization, aspiring to improve community equity by empowering our youth through access, opportunity, authentic relationships, and alternative outdoor education.

We offer alternative outdoor education, which includes wilderness survival training and sailing courses, for underserved high school aged youth. Our mission is to provide an opportunity to learn new skills, build self-confidence, and become a successful member of the community, all while immersing youth in the beauty of the great Pacific Northwest. We are inspired to support our nation's marginalized youth and we want YOU to be a part of their success!

Sail2Change is seeking wilderness guides for a 5 week summer camp. Guides must be available the week before camp starts (week 1) for training, team building, and development of curriculum. This is paid training; starting on July 20th.

The first day of camp is July 27th, 2020, last day of camp is August 21st, 2020. *If you are not available for the full 5 weeks, you can apply to guide for 3 weeks (Training + one session.)*

The camp is split into two sessions: Weeks 2-3 are dedicated to male students, and weeks 4-5 are dedicated to the female program. Guides who apply for the full five weeks will have a two day break between the male and female sessions.

Job Summary:

Wilderness guides will instruct and supervise groups of 9th graders as they immerse themselves in the wilderness for the first time. Guides will provide presentations and with support from staff on topics such as edible plants, building fires and shelters, navigation, ecology, and a few others depending on your expertise. Guides will stay in the wilderness for the duration of the camp and take part in all activities such as hiking, cooking, game time, swimming, etc. Guides need to be able to hike a minimum of 5 miles per day for a 7 day period. (5 days in a campground, 7 days on the trail) For further details, see Job Responsibilities.

Requirements

We are seeking candidates who:

Have 2 years minimum wilderness and leadership experience in outdoor education and/or expedition-based youth programs

Have experience working with diverse and at-risk populations

Are familiar with the Pacific Northwest

Knowledge of First Aid

Enjoy working with teens of various socioeconomic backgrounds

Have excellent communication and organizational skills

Bonus:

Wilderness First Responder Certified **

Practice with outdoor therapy programs

Outdoor Navigation Skills

Knowledge of:

Outdoor Cooking and Sanitation

Leave-no-Trace Ethics

Map and Compass Navigation

Forest Fire Ecology

Shelter Building

Wildlife Safety

Pacific Northwest Wildlife and Tracking

Native Plant and Tree Identification

Yoga for Backpacking

Bush Craft & Edible Plants Knowledge/Foraging

CDL License

Expedition & Travel Experience

Bilingual

Responsibilities:

Provide input on presentation topics and activities with the guidance of the Program Director

Support staff on topics such as edible plants, building fires and shelters, navigation, ecology, and a few others depending on your expertise.

Supervise students in your small group, as well as during whole group activities

Assist with set up, wake up time, cooking, enforcing rules, mentoring campers

Fostering an environment of inclusivity and acceptance

Facilitating activities and free time, icebreakers

Communicate effectively on all issues with Program Director and fellow staff

Salary: \$850 weekly stipend + **(\$250 weekly if WFR certified)

How to Apply:

Please send a detailed cover letter and a resume to: Michelle@Sail2Change.org with "Wilderness Guide" in the title. Feel free to include outdoor leadership and/or education portfolios. Sail2Change is committed to making a difference within a culturally diverse educational environment. Applicants are requested to include in their cover letter information about how they will further this goal. Three professional references whom we can contact will be required at the first interview. All guides must complete a background check prior to hiring.

Sail2Change is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.