

THE SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION IS HIRING 2022 SUMMER SEASONAL



NATURALIST/PADDLESPORT ASSISTANT

GENERAL STATEMENT OF WORK

Under the direction of a full-time Naturalist, assist with canoe, kayak, and stand-up paddle programs while providing the highest level of customer service. Provide program participants with answers to inquiries regarding the environment, ecology, and other related issues. May also provide basic nature interpretation. Paddling programs will take place in various locations including pools, ponds, canals, and rivers and include beginner to intermediate level paddlers.

DUTIES

1. Assist in all phases of onsite and field paddlesport programs including tours, transportation of gear, preparation of equipment, and routine maintenance.
2. Provide high quality paddlesport instruction that is safe and engaging.
3. Seek to provide participants with a positive outdoor experience while they develop their paddling skills, connect with nature, and recreate.
4. Ensure registration paperwork is in order.
5. Be a steward of the natural areas in which we travel and adhere to the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace.
6. Assist Lead Naturalist as needed.
7. Present a positive image as a Park Commission representative to all facility users and the public.
8. Follow Park Commission policies and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts or Science degree from an accredited college or institution of higher education, or current enrollment in the field of natural sciences, parks and recreation, or education. Degrees in other fields acceptable provided applicant has experience, training or supplementary education in life sciences. Strong paddling skills and ability to teach in a compassionate manner. Strong leadership abilities in outdoor situations; and ability to understand skill models, assess student skills, and devise tactics to guide students learning to more closely approximate models. Must complete a mandatory in-house training program. Customer service experience and strong people skills. Basic computer knowledge. Creative approach to problem solving. Physically able to lift and load kayaks, canoes, and other paddlesport gear, and to perform water rescues. ACA certification desirable. CPR and First Aid Certification (In-house CPR and First Aid training available), Wilderness First Responder and Swift Water Rescue a plus. Must be able to pass a criminal background check. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including long days, weekdays, and weekends. Possess a valid driver's license and have a good driving record. Ability to drive a 12-passenger van. Applicants must be available to work June - August. Maximum of 275 hours for the season.

COMPENSATION

\$13.50 per hour. Housing not provided.

TO APPLY

To apply, email cover letter and resume to EEC Supervisor, at: kbender@scparks.org

or via mail to the attention of: Kurt Bender, Supervisor
Environmental Education Center
190 Lord Stirling Rd.
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

For more information, call: 908.722.1200 Ext. 5332.

Individuals with a hearing/speech impairment may call the Relay Service @ 711

Reasonable accommodations may be made, where necessary, to allow a qualified individual to perform essential job functions.

