

Paddle Assistant Level 2 - Seasonal

Position: Paddle Assistant Level 2

Wage: \$12.75/hour, Benefits: n/a

Hours: up to 30 hours/week, seasonal

Dates: May 1st-October 30th, weather dependent

Schedule: Majority of hours will be on the weekend (Friday-Sunday) with some weekday opportunities; hours vary between 7am-2am

Reports: Paddle Programs Manager

We believe that all people should have access to the river for recreation, swimming, and fishing, as well as for the economic value it provides to our communities. Programs offered through the FRWC that support this belief include kayak trips, river clean-ups, K-12 environmental education programs, and a variety of other outreach activities. We are seeking a motivated individual to join our paddle team for the summer of 2021 who shares our philosophy and is eager to make a difference in our community.

Paddling Program Assistance

- Assist with promotion, preparation, implementation, and follow-up tasks for all paddling programs
- Assist in the transporting, loading, unloading, washing, repairing, and storing of all paddle program equipment. Also assist in picking up or dropping off vehicles used for Paddle related activities as well as shuttling.
- Serve as assistance in the water and on shore, helping paddle participants load and unload their equipment, getting into and out of their kayaks, around obstructions in the river, helping any participant who lags behind the group or falls out of their canoe or kayak, offering guidance to participants, and with shuttling. May also assist with obstruction removals, scouting, river cleanups, contacting participants, and other related duties as necessary.
- Once training is completed, serve as lead guide when assigned. This includes overseeing additional guides, assigning guides on and off water duties during a paddle, being responsible for all duties involved with said paddle including participant safety, assisting any participants who unexpectedly find themselves in the water, ensuring all safety standards are maintained, administering water, snacks, and first aid if needed, and educating participants on the Flint River and local wildlife.
- Assist in the collection of signed waivers; entering information into a database.
- Other duties, as assigned by the Paddle Program Manager or the Executive Director.

Paddle Scouting & Trip Assistance

- Scouting the Flint River prior to scheduled trips, clearing the paddle route, and monitoring river conditions

- Assist on the water with paddle participants during scheduled trips and workshops, including Adaptive Paddle Workshops for people with disabilities

Fleet Maintenance

- Check for damage and clean equipment (kayaks, life jackets, paddles, etc.) between trips
- Thoroughly clean equipment and perform regular maintenance at the end of organized trips, including private paddles
- Inform supervisor of any problems with kayaks or other equipment as soon as possible

Other Tasks As Needed

- Assist with launch maintenance as needed
- Assist with paddling marketing as needed
- Other tasks as assigned

Required knowledge, skills, and abilities

- Ability to work outside in all weather conditions
- Physical capability to walk, climb stairs, pull, and lift 50 lbs repeatedly
- Ability to swim is preferred
- Ability to drive vehicle with trailer attached or ability and willingness to learn
- Computer familiarity and experience with social media marketing desired
- Demonstrated success in working courteously with diverse customers
- Problem-solving skills
- Ability to communicate the mission of the Flint River Watershed Coalition
- Success in multitasking, juggling multiple priorities

Application

Please submit resume, letter of interest outlining previous experience, and references

Email submissions: info@flintriver.org