

Title: Kayak Organizer

Purpose: Facilitate the Free Kayak Program.

Description of Duties: Volunteers will load and unload kayaks at Discovery Village, record contact information from kayakers, distribute and file legal waivers, give a verbal orientation and rules session prior to kayaking, and assist with Free Kayak Program advertisement.

Qualifications: The Riverkeeper is looking for volunteers that can lift upwards of 50 pounds, have experience in kayaking or other small craft boating, and maintain an organized workspace. We are also looking for volunteers interested in publicizing the program to local schools and engaging young people with the Riverkeeper program.

Time Requirements:

- As the West/Rhode Riverkeeper Free Kayak Program runs from August to September (in 2008) and will run from late Spring to the end of September in 2009 and after.
- The Free Kayak Program is held every Thursday from 5PM – 8PM at Discovery Village in Shady Side. Volunteers must arrive at least one half hour early to unload kayaks from the warehouse to the shore and setup the registration table. Volunteers must stay until all kayaks are returned to the warehouse and papers are filed.

Orientation/Training: Riverkeeper staff will train Volunteers on-site.

Benefits: Volunteers will be able to facilitate a free program for the community! Many citizens in the watershed lack access to the rivers and therefore do not value them as much as waterfront property/boat owners. The Free Kayak Program involves all the residents of the community and is a fun way to enjoy and learn about the rivers! Volunteers interested in marketing and P.R. will gain experience promoting this program and will have the opportunity to recruit high school students to volunteer and participate in kayaking.

Reporting Procedures: Volunteers will report their hours and data sheets to the Volunteer Coordinator after each week of service. Data will be recorded on the Riverkeeper website.

Location: Volunteers will meet at the West/Rhode Riverkeeper office at Discovery Village for their scheduled Kayak Program session.

Agency Contact:

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