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NATURALIST JOB DESCRIPTION

Program Description

NW Explorations offers guided flotilla trips from Bellingham, through the Inside Passage up to Southeast Alaska and back. The naturalist is part of a crew that travels on the lead boat. The clients travel in boats that they have chartered from NWE, and travel behind (usually) the lead boat. Please see our web site (www.nwexplorations.com) to get a better idea of the service our company offers.

Position Overview

The naturalist is responsible for giving updates over the VHF radio while the boats are underway. Updates include, but are not limited to, information regarding local geology, native culture, wildlife and current events of whatever area you are traveling through.

The naturalist is also responsible for assisting the clients, once we have reached a destination, in finding local restaurants, services and other general questions about the town. When the flotilla is at an anchorage for the evening, the naturalist is responsible for leading dinghy tours, nature hikes or tide pooling excursions, as the site allows.

The naturalist shares in the other crew responsibilities including but not limited to tying down and releasing of boats, onboard meal preparation and keeping the boat tidy.

At every major port, there is a changeover in the clients that are on each of the vessels. The naturalist is responsible for overseeing the cleaning of the vessels by a hired crew as well as preparing the boats for the new clients.

Essential Job Functions

- Portraying an overall cheerful and helpful attitude with the clients
- Providing naturalist updates while underway
- Guiding naturalist activities (dinghy tours, nature walks, tide pooling) while at an anchorage
- Running the ship's dinghy
- Assisting clients with "in-town" activities
- Onboard meal preparation
- General dockhand activities
- Manage cleaning of vessels during turnarounds
- Preparing boats for new clients
- Maintaining and uploading a trip blog
- Creating a trip DVD slideshow
- Trip photographer

Requirements

- Educational or experiential background in a similar field
- Must be available to work **July 2nd-August 21st**

Other Skills/Abilities

- Boat handling skills
- SCUBA certified

NOTE: This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive. Employee may perform other related duties as negotiated to meet the ongoing needs of the organization.