



**WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL**

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Position: Woonasquatucket River Watershed Recreation Guide

The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) is looking for a **part time and year-round** Recreation Guide to lead groups on hikes and paddle trips throughout the Woonasquatucket River Watershed. The ideal candidate will have strong communication skills and previous on-water experience, either in kayaks or canoes. The Recreation Guide prepares kayaks and canoes for use by participants, demonstrates safe practices, watches and guides participants while on tours, and tows participants, if needed. This position is best suited for those with previous kayaking experience.

In collaboration with WRWC staff members, the Recreation Guide will plan and facilitate pleasant, safe, and informative excursions aimed at building stewardship of the Woonasquatucket River and its surrounding watershed lands to a diverse range of participants. The Recreation Guide will be responsible for the safety of participants and will have the appropriate communication skills necessary to convey the mission of the WRWC as they will regularly be in contact via phone or email with hikers, paddlers, and organizational partners and guest guides (mushroom experts, historians, ecologists, etc.). The Recreation Guide also coordinates with other WRWC program areas, such as Bicycle and Environmental Education for youth and adults, to offer outdoor learning and recreation experiences.

Job Responsibilities:

- Plan and facilitate recreation schedule for the year including hikes, paddles trips, and potentially other recreational activities such as bike rides
- Procure program materials and supplies such as PFDs, paddles, etc.
- Coordinate with guest guides and educators
- Work cooperatively with Communications and Event Staff
- Attend monthly staff meetings (in-person or virtually)
- Maintain recreation equipment
- Moves equipment weighing up to 50 pounds

Required Qualifications:

- First Aid/CPR trained, or willingness to be trained
- American Canoe Association Certification, or willingness to be certificated
- Valid driver's license
- Experience pulling a canoe/kayak trailer on a truck, or willingness to be trained
- Participate in on-water safety training
- Effectively communicate via email and phone

- Must be able to pass a background check
- Flexible schedule including weekday/evening/weekend availability
- Value environmental stewardship and advocacy
- Comfortable swimming and wading in water

Preferred Qualifications

- Fluency in English and Spanish
- Knowledge of special places in the Woonasquatucket River Watershed

Compensation:

- \$30-40 per hour, based on experience

Schedule:

- Fall/winter/spring season: Average 20 hours/month, 5 hours/week
- Summer: Average 100 hours/month, 25 hours/week
- Opportunities available to grow program and build in more time as desired

To Apply:

Email cover letter and resume to ywindham@wrwc.org with subject line: Recreation Guide Application.

Or mail to:

Violet Windham

WRWC

45 Eagle Street, Suite 202

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Attn: Recreation Guide Application

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

WRWC is an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate against employees based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, ability, or genetic information. WRWC enthusiastically encourages BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) and Spanish speaking residents within the Woonasquatucket River Watershed: Providence, North Providence, Johnston, Smithfield, North Smithfield and Gloucester—to apply.

About the WRWC

The mission of the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) is to create positive environmental, social, and economic change by revitalizing the Woonasquatucket River, its Greenway and its communities.