

Intern Vacancy Announcement – Campsite Manager and Event Assistant

GEORGIA RIVER NETWORK

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Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Position begins: May 15, 2017

Position ends: June 30, 2017

About Georgia River Network and Paddle Georgia

Georgia River Network works to ensure a clean water legacy by engaging and empowering Georgians to protect, restore and enjoy our rivers from the mountains to the coast. Georgia River Network does this by connecting people to rivers and organizations working to protect rivers, helping citizens start new river groups, strengthening and supporting Georgia's network of 30+ river organizations, and advocating for, and involving citizens in, calling for strong protections for Georgia's rivers.

Paddle Georgia is a program of Georgia River Network. Paddle Georgia 2017 is the 12th year for Paddle Georgia, following up the wildly successful events on the Chattahoochee, Etowah, Ocmulgee, upper Flint, Coosawattee/Oostanaula, Oconee, Altamaha, lower Flint, Chattahoochee (again), Ogeechee and Conasauga/Oostanauala/Coosa Rivers. Paddle Georgia 2017 will be a week-long, 100-mile voyage down the Etowah River near Rome. Each night, participants will be shuttled to campsites at local schools and other facilities where educational programs, games, entertainment and meals will be provided.

Some 400 people have participated each year, ranging in age from 4 to 79.

The purpose of Paddle Georgia is to introduce Georgians to Georgia's rivers. In a long-distance canoe adventure of this nature, participants will be able to view the river as a whole, working, dynamic ecological system. They'll see the beauty they might see on a well-chosen, day-long paddle, and they'll see the other side of the river--that sometimes damaged side that can be missed on those short trips. We also have fun. Paddle Georgia is more than an adventure. It is a community event, uniting individuals from across the state and region in a common goal—to explore a river and have a great time doing it.

To learn more about Paddle Georgia, visit the event website at http://www.garivers.org/paddle_georgia/index.html

Job Responsibilities

Main Responsibility - Be point of contact with site personnel. Manage and or work with volunteers that are in charge of assisting at campsite, gear truck, meal set ups, program areas, parking, AV/program set up. Ability to troubleshoot problems at the site. Serve as liason to custodial staff on plumbing or janitorial issues. Direct campsite set up and tear down. Requires a one day tour of campsites before event. Must have own transportation and cell phone.

We will likely be camping at 2 different high schools through the week and at Heritage Park in Rome for one night.

Other areas you may be asked to assist with as time permits:

Assist with carrying out the Paddle Georgia event. This could include, but may not be limited to:

- Preparation for the Paddle Georgia event including, but not limited to, clerical, mailing, and organizational duties
- Staff support during the Paddle Georgia event which may include, but may not be limited to, volunteer management, driving shuttles, assisting with boat launch and take-out, assisting with campsite set-up and tear-down, assisting with paddler registration, running errands, and other duties as assigned
- Follow-up for the Paddle Georgia event including clerical, mailing, and organizational duties

Assist with carrying out other GRN projects and programs. This could include, but may not be limited to:

- Fundraising and Membership
- Education and Outreach

- GRN Website
- Administrative and clerical tasks such as answering phones, checking mail, filing, typing and data entry, etc.

The intern reports directly to GRN staff or appointed lead volunteers. Hours of work during are from 5:45 am to 10pm with downtime between 10am and 2pm. There may be the option to paddle one day as the schedule permits. Must attend a one day campsite tour that generally occurs in April or May.

Qualifications

Ability to take on high level of responsibility

Valid Driver's License

Cell phone

Ability to perform strenuous physical labor in harsh environmental conditions

Ability to camp for 8 consecutive nights (camping options are generally a high school football field for outdoor camping or a gym floor for indoor camping)

Organizational Skills

Strong communication skills and ability to work with volunteers

Ability to work independently and with a team

Possess a strong sense of customer service and have a friendly, "can-do" attitude

Must be available for the entirety of June 15-24, 2017

Time Requirement

Estimated 8 hrs./week leading up to the event. Hours of work are flexible.

June 16-23, 2017 will be spent, in their entirety, traveling with the Paddle Georgia event.

Compensation

This is an unpaid, non-credit internship (although internship credit could be worked out with appropriate UGA department).

Application Procedures

Please submit a cover letter and resume which highlights your qualifications for this internship.

Submit to:

Georgia River Network-Internship Program

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