

Job Description:

Since its creation in 1985, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council has been a leader in transforming Rhode Island's Blackstone Valley into an internationally-recognized visitor destination – a strong, vibrant region for visitors and residents alike. Working in conjunction with local communities, state and federal governments, and like-minded nonprofits and businesses, the Council has not only increased the number of visitors and enhanced their experiences, but strengthened the region's economy, created a stronger, cleaner environment, and improved the quality of life for Blackstone Valley residents.

Our riverboat The *Explorer* has taken out thousands of people on the Blackstone River. Our goal is to promote the environmental wellbeing of the Blackstone River, as it is one of the most heavily polluted rivers in the U.S. In conjunction with educators from Mystic Aquarium we take out all ages on the river, from first graders to seniors. Our goal is to teach them about pollution, environmental stewardship, history, and the wildlife we have here on the river.

We are looking for a Boat Hand to work at least ten hours a week, which can increase due to schedule. Pay will go up to \$15 an hour. We are looking specifically for someone interested in getting sea time hours on the river in pursuit of their captain's license or a career at sea.

Responsibilities

- Preparing the boat for launch each day. Includes cleaning, preparing machinery and navigational equipment, refilling fuel, etc.
- Assisting in setting up and organizing materials needed for the day, such as life jackets for passengers
- Assisting captains with whatever they might need for the day
- Learning appropriate boat safety protocol as well as running several boat safety drills with our captains.
- Ensuring passenger safety on board

Qualifications

- Interested in boating/maritime work
- Good oral communication skills
- Experience working with boats previously (not a requirement, training is provided)
- Able to work in rain or shine and able to stand/walk for an hour or more
- Able to work the summer season from early May to the end of October
- Excellent hand-eye coordination

Resumes and cover letters are required and can be sent to bvtcriverprograms@gmail.com