

Alberta Whitewater Association

Summer River Safety Educator

Role Purpose

We are hiring 2 River Safety Educators for Summer 2025 who will be responsible for assisting with the promotion of river safety for the Alberta Whitewater Association. Most of the work will be on site at Harvie Passage in Calgary, a fantastic summer job for individuals who love spending time outside.

About the Employer

The Alberta Whitewater Association is a not-for-profit organization. Our goal is Exceptional Whitewater and Paddle Sports Experiences. We are committed to supporting a safe and welcoming environment and are an equal opportunity employer. We believe in work/life balance and flexibility. The AWA has taken the Safe Sport Pledge and all employees will be trained in Safe Sport.

Primary Roles and Responsibilities

The River Safety Educators are responsible for helping with the organization, promotion, delivery, and management of the River Safety Program and AWA's summer events, including:

- Maintain and manage the daily operations of the PFD Lending Station at Harvie Passage in Calgary.
- Maintain and manage a safe paddling environment and facilities at Harvie Passage
- Engage with the public to spread River Safety information
- Maintain and manage paddling equipment and AWA assets
- Communicate with Board, Staff, and members.
- Support and assistance with AWA programming including festivals, competitions, and clinics

Working Conditions

The River Safety Educators will plan a work schedule in advance with the River Safety Program Coordinator.

- Must be available evenings and weekends
- Work schedule will be 1pm-9pm, 5 days per week, or the employee can start earlier and work a split shift.
- Most days will be spent outside at Harvie Passage working alone.
- Flexible break times where the employee can leave site, go for a paddle, etc.
- 8 weeks of 35 hours per week

Requirements

The River Safety Educator requirements:

- Must be 15-30 years of age at the start of employment.
- Must be legally eligible to work in Canada.
- Must be available to work full-time in July and August.
- Optional part time work in May, June, and September.

Experience

The following experiences would be an asset for the River Safety Educators

- Moving water paddlesports experience
- Experience teaching or communicating with the public
- Comfortable in and around water
- Good communication skills
- Any second language would be an asset (not required)

Remuneration / Benefits

This role pays \$18 per hour, plus 4% vacation pay.

Mileage for approved work-related travel outside of Calgary at \$0.40 per km.

Start Date: Flexible, but at latest 1 July 2024

Organizational Structure

The River Safety Educators are accountable to the AWA and take direction from the AWA River Safety Program Coordinator.

Applications

Please send your cover letter and resume to Elissa McColl – River Safety Program Coordinator – safety@albertawhitewater.ca , citing the position title in the subject line.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however please note that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.