

Sound Experience – Job Description

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Season-Long Volunteer

Accountability: Captain and Program Coordinator

General Scope: Volunteers come aboard for a season-long learning and practicum which includes all aspects of shipboard life and curriculum: maritime, sailing, environmental education, community living, galley duties, and other daily chores.

Volunteers will: Work with a variety of age groups and roles including in the kitchen/galley; Teach the Sound Experience education curriculum; facilitate SE environmental education models; Actively participate in all aspects of ship board life and program; train new crew in program models and format; Actively support the mission of Sound Experience; Work positively with youth; and Promote SE programs.

Job Parameters: Meals and lodging provided while on duty and as space is available when off-duty. Work an average of 22 days per month. Minimum 6 days off per month. On-the-job training provided.

Requirements: Attend ship board training, current First Aid and CPR certificates, WA Food Workers permit (info at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/food/workercardfaq.html>), drug test, proof of minimal health insurance coverage during time aboard (catastrophic injury coverage), at least 18 years of age, and criminal background check.

Specific Duties:

1. Facilitate all Sound Experience program models: Sound Studies, Sound Explorations, and Day Sails. Continually revise and present curriculum in a creative and stimulating method for age appropriateness using hands-on methods and drama/singing/art.
2. Actively participate in all aspects of shipboard life: chores, sail prep, stowing of personal gear, group decision making and process, anchor watch, and ship maintenance. Assist in solving problems which may involve the education program, galley, participants, the living community, etc.
3. Positively represent Sound Experience to participants, public, parents, teachers. Project SE's philosophies of care and concern for Puget Sound.
4. Use prudent judgement at all times concerning the safety of participants and crew. Serve as a role model. Be on a first name basis with all participants.
5. Work with other crew in a constructive, positive and encouraging manner. Help train interns and volunteers when working in watch groups or in general ship board activities.
6. Assist Captain and Mate on deck activities. Assist in all emergency issues on the ship.
7. Maintain program equipment and specimen collection logs on a daily basis. Includes prep work and clean up.
8. Be well-versed on issues affecting Puget Sound, and continue to learn about Puget Sound ecology as possible. Be able to present material concerning issues and decisions to participants in a creative and stimulating manner.
9. Be thoughtful and skillful in working with young people through appropriate motivation and discipline techniques.
10. When assigned to the galley maintain health codes and follow procedures.
11. Be willing to assume other roles about the ship such as: Safety Officer, Relief Engineer, Environmental Officer, Marine Science Officer, etc...
12. Fill out evaluations, participate in crew meetings, etc. as requested.