



## **Laurel Highlands River Tours**

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your inquiry of employment at Laurel Highlands River Tours. Our general orientation meeting will be held at 9am on April 17 at the Fire Hall in Ohiopyle, PA. During this general orientation, we will be discussing details about our 2010 Guide Training Program. We will also discuss other employment opportunities available including bike mechanics, retail sales, rock climbing guides, kayak instructors, and other land-based positions.

The successful candidate for employment at Laurel Highlands River Tours will possess the necessary athletic abilities, a professional appearance and demeanor, and availability for all weekend and holiday work. We are looking for applicants that are truly interested in working as a guide for the full season, June through August. Weekends only, as well as full-time positions, are available.

An introductory trip on the Lower Yough will be conducted immediately following the orientation for those applicants that wish to train as whitewater raft guides. You will need a change of clothes. Wetsuits are available at no charge, but you must provide a form of ID to secure the return of the wetsuit.

The 2010 Guide Training Program will consist of two parts. The first part will be familiarization runs on the Lower Yough. These trips will continue Sunday, April 18, and every weekend following until May 30. Candidates are to report to our Outdoor Center on Sherman Street at 9am. These trips will help acquaint you to the world of whitewater raft guiding. We will go over basic raft guiding techniques and river rescue skills during this time.

These weekends are not mandatory, however all guides must have at least thirty trips on any whitewater river. At least six of these trips must be done on the Lower Yough and three of those six must be made as a trainee under a qualified guide. All training runs must be completed by June 13. As soon as candidates complete their training and requirements, they are eligible for work.

The second part of the training program is what we affectionately call "Bob's Kids." This is an extensive five day formal river training course conducted by longtime employee Bob Stover. This formal training program starts May 31 and will consist of classroom work, as well as advanced on-river training. You will receive first-aid and CPR certification at this time. This portion of the training program is MANDATORY. Occasionally, depending on demand, this part of training could be offered over several weekends.

Ohiopyle is a beautiful place to work. While working for Laurel Highlands you will be eligible to receive staff discounts in our Outdoor Center, complimentary raft trips, and the opportunity to learn kayaking, climbing and many other outdoor sports. Housing is also available for full-time employees. Please feel free to call 1-800-472-3846 for more information!

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Vice President and General Manager