

Raft Guide Apprenticeship Program

Training Inclusions:

- Intensive on/off river training
- River familiarization trips
- Hydraulics theory
- Swift Water Rescue Technician introduction

Hospitality Inclusions:

- Shared glamping unit
- Daily meals, river snacks, drinks
- Full access to resort facilities
- Access to yoga and activities

Course Date:

10-week course, dates listed on training webpage

Course Cost:

The total price of the course is listed on the training webpage. A \$250 deposit is due upon approval into the course; this will reserve your spot. The remainder of the course will be paid by volunteer hours at the resort. The volunteer component will offset your training and living costs (meals, lodging, WIFI, resort amenities, etc). The number of volunteer hours will be agreed upon before the course starts and must be completed by the end date of the course. If the apprentice does not complete the required volunteer hours, the apprentice will be charged for the remainder of the course.

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Training Schedule:

Weeks 1-5	Weeks 6-10
12 days intensive 3 days other training 15 days volunteer	5.5 days intensive 4.5 days other training 20 days volunteer

Note: this is an intensive training & Volunteer program with little time off.

Volunteer assignments may include:

- Construction (carpentry, plumbing, general building)
- Mechanical maintenance (vehicles, equipment, power systems)
- Building and infrastructure maintenance including painting/staining
- Housekeeping, cleaning facilities, general resort clean-up, landscaping and grounds maintenance
- Kitchen and meal preparation, dish washing and serving
- Guest services and activity leader for resort programming

BCROA Guide Exam:

To get an official BCROA raft guide certificate, you will need to pass our BCROA exam. The exam is included in your course and will be available in Late June, early July for those who have completed the training course. If you pass, there will be a \$50 fee for the certification documents. You will be allowed 1 re-take of the exam if you fail.

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Completion of Course:

If you complete the course, you may be offered a contract to officially become employed for REO and continue working & living at the resort. Employment will only be offered to those who have displayed a strong work ethic, friendly attitude, and have proved they play a valuable role in our company both on and off the river.

Training Extension:

Like any highly skilled trade, becoming a raft professional takes time and learning curves vary. Some trainees need more training and experience to complete the course and get signed off from REO on Class 3 - 4+ whitewater.

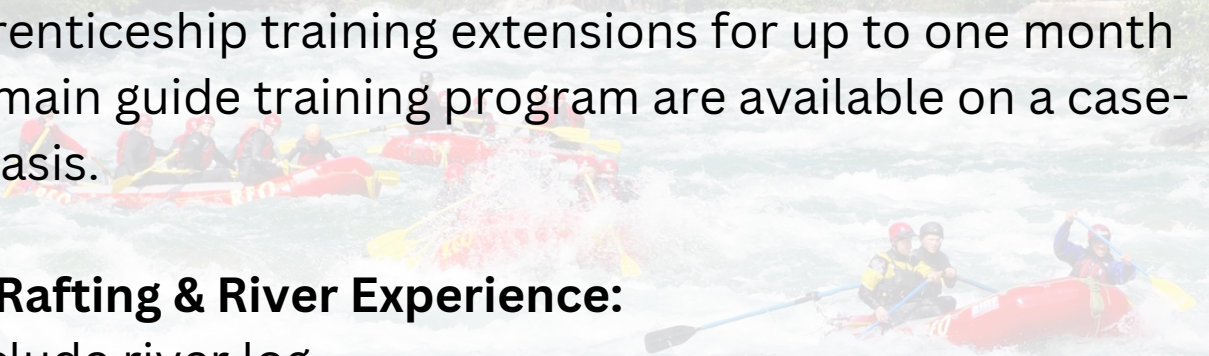
Post-apprenticeship training extensions for up to one month after the main guide training program are available on a case-by-case basis.

Previous Rafting & River Experience:

Please include river log.

Prerequisites:

Physically fit, swimming ability, an outgoing personality, a good work ethic, able to communicate in English, and the desire to learn and live outdoors. Minimum age: 16.



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Visa Requirement:

You must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or hold a valid working holiday visa to work as a professional raft guide in Canada. If you are intending to work in Canada after the course, you will need to obtain a working holiday for Canada.

River Gear:

Apprentices must provide their own river shoes, wetsuit, helmet, river knife, and whistle no later than May 16. REO offers access to wholesale rates on all equipment.

Camping Gear:

Apprentices will need their own tents, sleeping bags and personal gear for travel days.

