



SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE

**River Ambassador Program  
Job Announcement (3 positions)**  
Posted February 2017, Hiring Closes May 2017

**Title:** River Captain  
**Type:** Temporary Employee, (May– September 2017)  
**Organization:** South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)  
**Location:** Nevada City, CA

**Program description:**

Each summer more than 800,000 visitors journey to the South Yuba River to soak in the sun and rejuvenate in its sparkling waters, but it is at risk of being *over*-loved from such heavy use. Trash gets left behind and accumulates along the river which is an eye-sore for people and a threat to wildlife. SYRCL has developed the River Ambassador program in partnership with the South Yuba River State Parks to educate and inspire visitors to join the effort to keep the river clean, healthy, and safe. Each weekend of the summer, teams of volunteer River Ambassadors and their supervising River Captains engage visitors in best stewardship practices by talking one-on-one with people at busy crossings, beaches, and trails. For more information about the program please visit <http://yubariver.org/programs/river-ambassador-program/>.

**Position Summary:**

SYRCL seeks to hire three part-time River Captains who are enthusiastic and passionate about the Yuba River and its health. The River Ambassador program runs 15 weekends between May 27<sup>th</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>, with mandatory trainings for Captains in May and July. River Captains work 3 to 4 weekends per month, on a rotating basis and will spend Saturdays and Sundays at the river with River Ambassador volunteers educating visitors about best stewardship and fire-safety practices.

NOTE: River Captains must be available to work all weekends during the summer. The River Ambassador program will run during Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day holiday weekends. Please only apply if you are available to work these dates. Applicants must also be available for trainings in May and as needed, in addition to post-program evaluation during the first week of September.

**Salary:** Compensation will be \$11-\$13 per hour; this includes all trainings, post-program evaluations, and celebrations. Reasonable mileage and pre-approved expenses will be reimbursed.



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**Primary duties include:**

- Coordinate with River Ambassador volunteers to confirm scheduling and all day-to-day logistics
- Pick up outreach materials and set up booth each shift
- Supervise and train volunteer River Ambassadors on Saturday and Sundays
- Conduct direct outreach to visitors encountered along trails, at beaches, and parking lots with the help of River Ambassadors
- Educate visitors about river stewardship and remove trash, dog waste, and fire pits as needed
- Educate visitors on SYRCL's programs. Encourage membership and volunteerism
- Survey visitors, maintain daily logs detailing contacts made, litter-collected, and other data
- Assist Stewardship Coordinator as needed in planning and implementing regular training and evaluation sessions, a mid-program potluck and volunteer appreciation event at the end of the summer
- Develop outreach materials as needed
- Maintain organized and fully stocked River Ambassador supply bins

**Required Qualifications:**

- Extensive familiarity and love for the Yuba River
- Excellent "people skills" including superior communication skills and a commitment to positive interactions with diverse visitors
- Expertise in supervising and coordinating volunteers
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail for scheduling, data collection, and record keeping
- Ability to train and provide feedback to volunteers
- Ability to work independently, solve problems, and exercise good judgment
- Have own vehicle with valid driver's license and proof of insurance
- Readily available by phone and email
- First Aid experience a plus
- Basic knowledge of ecological restoration practices a plus
- Computer skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, Google Docs, Email
- Willingness to submit to a Livescan background check

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Fluency in Spanish; ability to comfortably and confidently speak with river visitors in Spanish
- Ability to read and write in Spanish
- Create outreach materials in Spanish

*SYRCL is an equal opportunity employer.*

**To Apply:** River Ambassador training is May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the first day on the river is May 27<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Positions are open until filled. Please submit a cover letter explaining why you want to be a River Captain along with your resume to the Stewardship Coordinator, Whitney Logue ([whitney@syrc.org](mailto:whitney@syrc.org)).

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**Commented [JT1]:** You may want to leave yourself some flexibility here...not everyone may be able to make the training on the 28<sup>th</sup>. If we mention anything mandatory, I would suggest the date we've chosen for the RA training...captains should definitely be there.