



## Seasonal Shipboard Position: Educator/Deckhand

**Accountability:** Captain(s), Mate, and Program Coordinator

**General Scope:** As an Educator/Deckhand you are responsible for delivering the Sound Experience education curriculum, actively participating in all aspects of ship board life and programs and assisting in safe and proper vessel operation. An Educator /Deckhand may also be tasked with an auxiliary role such as Safety Officer, Medical Officer or Education Officer based on interest and experience. Programs aboard Adventuress range from 3 to 5-day overnight trips, as well as 3-5-hour day sails with students, dockside tours, 3 hour sails for the public, festivals, transits, fundraising events and other day sails.

As an Educator/Deckhand, you are an active crew member living and working aboard the historic schooner Adventuress with up to 15 other crew and up to 24 other participants during an overnight program.

**Compensation:** Seasonal Paid Position. \$800/month. Meals and lodging on the ship, minimum of 6 days off per month, on-the-job training.

### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Facilitate or cofacilitate Sound Experience program models: Sound Studies (3-5hour day programs), Sound Explorations (3-5-day overnight programs), Road Scholar intergenerational programs, Summer Programs and Day Sails (3hr Public and Corporate Sails).
- Present Sound Experience curriculum in a creative and stimulating method for age appropriateness using a variety of hands-on, experiential methods.
- Be well-versed on issues affecting the Salish Sea, and continue to learn about Salish Sea ecology.
- Be willing to assume other potential auxiliary roles aboard the ship such as: Safety Officer, Medical Officer or Medical Association, Education Officer, Bosun.
- Utilize appropriate motivation and discipline techniques as discussed in trainings.
- Participate in ship and sail handling maneuvers as directed by the Captain and Mate.

### General Duties

- Participate in all aspects of shipboard life: chores, sail prep and sail handling, stowing of ship and personal gear, group decision making and process, anchor watch, and ship maintenance.
- Positively represent Sound Experience to participants, public, parents, and teachers through upholding Sound Experience's vision, mission, and values.
- Uphold shipboard culture of inclusivity, intentionality, safety, and care for people and the environment. Create a supportive learning platform and a welcoming community.
- Always use prudent judgement concerning the safety of participants and crew and serve as a role model.
- Help train and work with interns and volunteers in shipboard activities
- Participate in crew meetings, feedback sessions, program debriefs, and fill out evaluations as requested.
- Know the emergency response protocols and respond to all shipboard emergencies and emergency drills as assigned.
- Interact and engage students, adults and members of the public on a daily basis.
- Other duties as assigned



**Qualifications:** The qualifications listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required for the seasonal crew position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- 18 years or older
- CPR/First Aid Certification or above (current certification at time of season start)
- Washington State Food Handlers Card (current certification at time of season start)
- Physical ability to participate in activities, haul, climb, balance, lift, stoop, kneel, sit
- Ability to pass pre-employment background check and drug test
- High level of responsibility and accountability
- Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram or schedule form
- Strong communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills
- Ability to work in an outdoor environment with inclement weather conditions.
- Ability to work well both individually and as a team member, as well as independently with small groups of students.
- Ability to stay positive when working with crew, adults and/or students over multiple days in relatively confined spaces of the vessel
- Proactive work ethic: willingness to help in any aspects of programming necessary and be flexible

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Competencies in teaching/facilitating educational programs- specifically environmental education, marine biology, and experiential education.
- Strong preference for WFR certification or equivalent
- Strong preference for a background in sciences, recreation, arts or history or maritime.
- Experience working directly with youth (ages 10-17) and/or adults (ages from 18-90).
- Degree holding, including B.S. or teaching certificate
- Experience in Maritime via other ships, Maritime Academies, etc.
- Sailing experience is preferred, but not required

**Mission**

Sound Experience sails the historic schooner *Adventuress* to educate, inspire, and empower an inclusive community that works to improve our marine environment and celebrates our maritime heritage.

**Vision**

We envision a future where everyone values Puget Sound/Salish Sea and the world's oceans and chooses to act as stewards of their treasured waters.

**Values**

- Transformative Education - changing our youth, our communities, and our world
- Learning Organization - evolving for and with our people
- Living Sustainably - acting for our waterways
- Partnering - sharing our collective strengths
- Integrity - doing the right thing
- All Are Welcome



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