



## Outside Hilton Head Guide Training 2010 General Information

Guiding with Outside Hilton Head is a fun and challenging experience! Prior experience is not required. All applicants are required to successfully complete our four-day Guide Training course. Course work includes kayaking skills, safety skills, basics of interpretive naturalism, ecology, history and environmental awareness. We also cover communication, public relations and leadership skills. Originally designed to train specifically for our guided kayak nature tours, the Guide Training program has evolved into a comprehensive training that covers the full range of our programs, which include kayak-, boat- and land-based tours. All new staff is required, regardless of intended position, to successfully complete this training.

### Important Dates

	Guide Training	Retail Training
<b>Session I</b>	<b>March 8-12</b>	<b>Feb 24-26</b>
<b>Session II</b>	<b>May 17-21*</b>	<b>Date TBD</b>
<b>Session III</b>	June if necessary/Date TBD	

\* Interns must attend this session.

### The Nature Guide position at Outside Hilton Head requires:

- Successful completion of Outside Hilton Head's 4-day Training Course
- Six (6) shadow trips
- A positive and professional attitude
- Self-motivation, responsibility and physical activity
- Interest in learning about the nature and history of the Lowcountry
- Ability to work well with all types of people

### Guide Training Cost

The four-day Guide Training Course costs \$250. Successful completion of the training course is required to become an Outside Hilton Head guide. It is an intense, comprehensive training that may lead to further certifications. Of the training fee, \$150. will be refunded to you, provided you remain employed with Outside Hilton Head through August 17, 2009. The nonrefundable portion of the fee covers the cost of training, books and 1 guide uniform - which are yours to keep.



### Other Requirements

In addition to Guide Training, there are other requirements we'd like you to be aware of. All guides are required to carry a working mobile phone for emergency use during tours. You are required to wear a sport sandal or shoe (like Chaco or Keen), that attach around the ankle and will stay on your feet in the water. If you need a pair, you can get them from us (super discounts on gear for guides!). You may invest in additional uniforms for convenience, but it is not required. Uniform gear is typically available below wholesale cost. All guides are required to maintain current CPR and First Aid certification. We can arrange a course for you (costs between \$25 and \$40), or you can take a class on your own.

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