

TRAINING WITH CRO

What does it mean?

What you can expect from us:

1. Training you to become a Class V whitewater guide on the Cheat River.
 - Training will be conducted by senior members of the CRO team with many years of experience and training.
 - Training will include both on river and off river scenarios and lectures.
2. Use of CRO equipment
 - Lifejackets, helmets, paddles
 - Wetsuits and booties
 - You will need to purchase your own gear before becoming certified (see #3)
3. Pro-Deals on river and outdoor equipment.
 - As a guide with CRO you will be entitled to order gear at near wholesale prices from a large variety of gear companies.
4. Lunch on training and trip days and all river trips plus the occasional dinner.
5. Housing.
 - Okay, the guide house is very rustic, but it is dry and warm.
 - You also have the option of pitching a tent either in the field below or in the woods above.

What we expect from you:

1. Attendance

- Showing up is the number ONE requirement of our training program. You are expected to show up every Saturday and Sunday unless you inform us otherwise. It takes commitment to get all of your required trips completed. If you do not show up regularly you will not get certified until 2050.
- Weekday training trips will be available anytime we have enough interest from trainees or when there is a commercial trip scheduled.

2. Assistance with trip logistics

- Although we outline trip duties the best we can in writing in the Guide Manual, the best way to learn how things are really done is to participate in the trip process. Trainees are expected to participate in the entire trip process, from start to finish, on training as well as, commercial trips. This includes trip prep, boat inflation, wetsuit shop and unloading and unpacking after the trip.

3. Cleanliness

- Trainees and guides are responsible for keeping the guide house clean and orderly. There is no one who is going to come and clean up your mess if you do not do it. We are willing to finance minor improvements on the guide house if you ever want to do the work (painting, ect...)
- Trainees and guides are also expected to keep track of their own gear and not leave it lying around the outfitters. Obviously, never leave your personal stuff or trash lying around customer areas.

4. Professionalism

- Our guests are putting their lives and vacations in your hands. We want them to always feel confident in the professional nature of their guide and our operation. This does not mean that you need to show up to the trip talk in a suit and tie. It does mean that you conduct yourself in a courteous and polite manner. Please, no swearing during work hours or within earshot of guests. We serve many churches and scout groups and you never know who may be offended by foul language. The same holds true for telling off color jokes and such. Please be aware of appropriate attire and modesty. No changing in public and keep all the right parts reasonably covered.

Any questions? Or you just want to talk it through...

Give us a call or drop us an email.

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