

New Wave Rafting Co

Guide Training Program

April 23-May 21, 2008

This is the 24th year of our Guide Training Program (GTP). The GTP begins with an intensive on-the-water 5 days of formal instruction. This session of structured training is followed by a period of practice, which consists, primarily, of practicing with other trainees and joining regular guided commercial trips, when space allows. A guide trainee who devotes the better part of his/her time to training throughout this three-week period should be ready to guide commercially by the Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-26. Those who are ready at that time will be hired. An on-the-water test will be used to evaluate readiness, to be administered on May 21. Those trainees who are hired must obtain Standard First Aid and CPR cards prior to actual employment. NWRCO is usually able to provide this training at a nominal fee. Conditions throughout the GTP can be cool or cold, but we train rain or shine. We provide wet suits, boots, rain gear and PFDs for the 5 day instructional portion of the GTP. Participants will provide their own lunch. New hires are expected to purchase their own personal boating gear as soon as possible. The GTP will operate out of our new Embudo headquarters.

Guides with experience elsewhere who seek employment with NWRCO must attend all of the first 5 day segment of the GTP as the minimum required familiarization with the river and our procedures. The course fee will be reduced or waived proportionately to the guides documented experience, subject to verification.

An additional GTP session will be offered in early June if there is sufficient interest.

COST: \$395.50, tax and user fee included. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to hold space, with the balance due at the beginning of the GTP. No refunds will be made after the GTP begins.

NOTE: Only seriously focused effort on the part of the guide trainee will result in the acquisition of the needed skills. This training program is no pushover. Don't waste your money and our time if you are not serious!

Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions you may have

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