WELCOME!

Extended Canoemobile Tours Details

Who are we looking for?

Someone who is…

- Enthusiastic about spreading WI's mission locally or across the country!
- Curious to learn about new places and share knowledge with others
- Able to be flexible and learn on the job
- A problem solver
- A team player

What to expect?

- **Flexible schedule** if desired
  - Stay local with a variety of day trip opportunities, or
  - Hit the road for an extended tour assignments ranging from ~5 days to ~8 weeks in Greater MN or across the Midwest, West Coast, and East Coast
- **NETWORK**! Connect with partners from the Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and local non-profits in Minnesota and across the country.
- *On extended tours,* all **lodging and food is covered by WI**

Who am I working with?

Your team is made up of **7 Outdoor Leaders** and **1 Trip Director** who stays in Minnesota.

To help share responsibilities while on tour, you will have 2 Primary Leaders and 5 Co-Leaders who will assign “Rig Roles” before departing:

1. Interpretation Lead
2. Gear and Equipment Coordinator
3. Food Coordinator
4. Outreach Lead
5. Paperwork Coordinator

How long are the days?

Canoemobile days vary depending on program logistics, locations, and group needs.

Typically, programming will run from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm with 1-2 hours of travel, set up, and clean up on both ends.

Some programs will also include after-school or early evening paddles.

Check out Jake Marble's Blog for a first hand account of Life on the Rig!
https://bit.ly/3yA3TmX

A day in the life on a Canoemobile tour

6:00-6:55 am: Wake up call! On Canoemobile, departure times vary based on daily program times – and get-out-of-bed times also vary based on the individual. Some like to get up early and have a slower start, while others (lovingly teased about this) prefer to squeeze out every last ounce of sleep. Group tasks in the morning include packing a lunch cooler, ensuring walkie-talkies and other gear are moved to the van, and hitching up the canoe trailer (if not already done.)

Canoes paddling across Lake Merced
Jake Marble

7:00 am: This is our trademark "Butts in Van" time *du jour* – a somewhat tongue-in-cheek way of making sure we *actually* leave at the set time. Pretty much, if you aren't sitting in the van ready to go, you're late!

7:30-7:45 am: This particular day we arrived at Lake Merced Park after a 30-45 minute commute that took us from YMCA Camp Point Bonita, over the Golden Gate Bridge, and through the heart of San Francisco. Early morning commutes offer a bit of needed peace and quiet for us before the frenzy of whatever the day has in store – reading, listening to music, or even catching a few extra ZZZ's are all common.

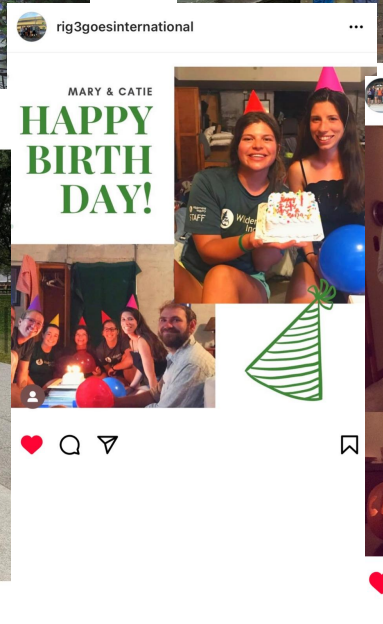
7:45-8:30 am: Prep, prep, prep! We get all of our pre-program work done before our first group of the day arrives. This includes unloading, carrying, and docking however many canoes we need that day, neatly laying out different sizes of PFDs and paddles on tarps, putting our extra-long stern paddles and safety gear (throw rings, bailer buckets, throw ropes) in the canoes, gearing ourselves up with PFDs, walkie-talkies, sunscreen, face masks, etc., and any last odds and ends that come up. This process gets pretty dialed in over the course of a Canoemobile tour – our record is under 15 minutes!

What do days off look like?

We call *days off* non-programming days because we understand that while away from home and sharing a vehicle with 7 other people, does not always feel like a ***day off***.

That being said, many crew members spend their non-programming days exploring new cities, going on hikes, grocery shopping, or catching up on zzzs.

Check out the [@GigaRig's Fall 2022 Tour]!



Can I choose my tour?

We will do our best to accommodate rig requests, however, there may be circumstances where we cannot accommodate all requests.

Staffing Canoemobile teams is a careful balance of availability, skillset, and group dynamics.

What does housing and laundry look like on the road?

- Crews will stay at a mix of hotels, campgrounds, airbnbs, and partner-provided housing (i.e. YMCA, rec centers, staff housing, etc.).
- Most lodging will be arranged before you depart.
- On some travel days, crews will be given a budget to find hotels or other lodgings en route to a new location.
- In some cases, your lodging will have laundry on site. In other scenarios, you will work with your team to find laundromats nearby.

Professional Development Opportunities

- **Staff training**: Leave No Trace training, Team Building Workshops, Leadership Development, Accessibility Training
- **Specialized rig assignment**: Media/Marketing, Interpretation, Budgeting, Gear Management, Administrative/Data Management
- **Skill Development**: Canoeing, Assessing and Reading Waterways, Driving with a Trailer, Public Speaking, Group Facilitation

Pay Details

Any non-local (outside of Twin Cities) series of Canoemobile events greater than 13 days will be considered an extended tour and follow the below pay system.

- Pre-trip and post-trip responsibilities will be paid hourly at each staff's current rate
- Each tour (no matter length) receives a group food budget and all lodging is covered by WI

Canoemobile extended tour staff will be paid contract day wages, based on an 8-hour work day, for 6 days of every week on tour. Prep and miscellaneous work is compensated via the 6th day of pay/week. Compensation details can be found on WI career page and job postings.

What's Next? Who can I contact?

I'm interested!

But still have questions & would like to discuss more

Contact **Christine Rettler**
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I'm ready to commit!

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