



# Spencer Kayak Safety and Logistics Specialist

## Job Description 2020

**Locations:** Girdwood & Spencer Whistle Stop (SWS)

**Work Period:** May 11 to September 21

**Orientation:** May 11-13      **Guides Training:** May 18-25

**Compensation:** \$800/week @ Spencer, \$400/week in Girdwood

A shared bunk room in Girdwood and tent at Spencer is provided and is a condition of employment (subtracted from pay). New Hire Orientation is unpaid. You will be eligible for an end of the season performance based bonus after successful completion of your contract and end of the season evaluation.

**7 Days overnight in tent/weatherport at SWS as Spencer Safety/Kayak Guide (Thursday to Thursday). 5 Days acting as Logistics Specialist in Girdwood or Guiding.**

### Minimum Qualifications:

LifeGuard or Swift Water Rescue Certifications  
Current Wilderness First Responder Certifications  
Previous Kayaking Guiding experience  
Clean driving record  
Outstanding customer service skills  
Previous wilderness camping experience  
Bear Safety awareness  
VHF/InReach and SAT phone experience  
Immaculate punctuality & be a self-starter  
Able to problem solve vehicle issues  
No prior felonies  
Ability to lift 80 lbs regularly  
Ability to be flexible with dynamic logistics  
Excellent communication skills  
Sincere enthusiasm to share Alaska's wilderness  
Attitude of environmental stewardship  
Humble, happy, fun, helpful and friendly disposition.  
Commitment June, July and August

### Preferred Qualifications:

State of Alaska class "C" Commercial Driver License with a passenger endorsement (or equivalent). CDL  
Rescue training, certs and experience  
Experience driving large passenger vans  
Previous guiding experience  
Sea Kayaking, Glacier travel experience  
Glacier Ice climbing experience  
Antarctica deployments  
Strong Glaciology & Meteorology knowledge  
Ability to assist with yurt put-in/take-out  
Interest in office operations  
LNT/Bear Safety trainer  
Super tech/web geeky- smartphone savvy  
Experience in/around helicopters  
International travel experience  
Eagle Scout  
BA or BS in related field  
Full season commitment

### Responsibilities:

This is a Guiding, rescue, communications, and logistics heavy position that encompasses several key roles and responsibilities: Spencer Safety, Overnight Prep & Execution of Camp Manager, and Girdwood Logistics support. The Spencer Safety position requires maintaining visual and radio communications with kayak and glacier trips as well as gear preparation and transportation for these excursions. Most importantly, it may require participation in the case of an emergency where a timely response and accurate and professional communication is necessary.

During your week in Girdwood, Overnight Trip preparation and execution will be your primary responsibility. Additionally, your time in Girdwood will include day trip guiding, logistical support to include shuttling, vehicle and gear maintenance and cleaning, and facilities upkeep as well as guiding day hikes.

Don't be shy: send us your resume, cover letter and references to [ops@ascendingpath.com](mailto:ops@ascendingpath.com)