



Paul Nettles, Lead Guide
South Coast Paddling Company

Experience

- 2002 - 2008 PE'RO Guides, Owner/Manager, Ocean Springs, MS
Established and managed touring company with a mission to provide hands-on learning opportunities to increase awareness and promote stewardship of the planet. Offered guided kayak tours on local waterways, taught coastal kayaking lessons. Also offered bike tours, backpackin and educational programs for school groups
- 1998 - 2000 San Joaquin county Office of Education, Alternative Education Instructor, Stockton, CA
Responsible for teaching full California State High School curriculum in an alternative setting. Supervised and facilitated the safety of groups while engaged inn team-building activities on a ropes course site that included high/low elements and climbing towers. Initiated and planned off campus field trips. Participated in "Quests".
- 1995 - 1998 San Joaquin County Office of Education, Outdoor Education Instructor, La Honda, CA
Educated students on various ecosystems by leading hikes into the wilderness. Developed outdoor education curriculum emphasizing the California Science Frameworks and Environmental Awareness. Provided administrative assistance and disciplinarian actions for visiting teachers.
- Summers
- 1995 - 2000 Four Corners Expeditions Rafting, Raft Guide, Buena Vista, CO

Successfully trained and ran as a commercial raft guide in the summer of '95 which included swift water rescue training, river hydraulics, first aid and CPR. Promoted to trip leader in '97 and became responsible for trip planning, on-water organization, on-water safety and logistics for wilderness river trips ranging from a half day up to seven days. Promoted to Guide Instructor in '98 and became responsible for all aspects of preparing new guides to successfully complete guide training.

- 1994 - 1995 YMCA Storer Camps, Outdoor Education Instructor, Jackson, MI
Educated students by leading them on positive, hands-on experiential based activities which included group cohesiveness through team-building and cooperative games
- 1994 Crooked River State Park, Park Naturalist, St. Mary's, GA
Responsible for all the interpretive programs of the state park. Programs included nature walks, night hikes, slide shows and canoe tours
- 1994 Okefenokee wildlife Refuge, Stephen foster State Park, Senior Intern

Successfully completed internship in park management for the Georgia State Park system.
Engaged in all aspects of the state park including administration, maintenance and interpretation

Education

- 1994 B.S. Outdoor Parks and Recreation Management
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

Additional

- Successfully completed the American Canoe Association Open Water Kayak Instructor Development Workshop
- Member of the Pascagoula River Basin Alliance
- Member of the Mississippi High School Soccer Referee Association and youth soccer coach

