

Surf Instructor Position

This job will require each instructor to give clear surf instructions to all types of people on the sand and in the water. The work day will start at the shop before your lesson where you will gather wetsuits and surfboards appropriate to your clients needs. Then the instructor will drive to the surf break to meet their client/s in front of one of our surf vehicles. They will all suit up and head to the beach with their boards. On the beach, each instructor is responsible for preparing clients for the waves by explaining ocean safety, how to paddle, and correct pop-up techniques all to be practiced on the sand prior to paddling out. Then, the instructor will go out in the water and begin by pushing people into waves followed by fostering independence and teaching them how to paddle and catch waves on their own. After the lesson each instructor is responsible for organizing the surfboards in the back of the vehicle and bringing the suits back in a timely manner to wash them. Being patient, good with people, professional, and having a positive, upbeat attitude are all essential parts of this position.

Job Roles:

- Lifting surfboards long distances for and with clients.
- Picking up heavy buckets of wet wetsuits to and from the truck to wash
- Helping direct multiple people in the ocean at the same time and against ocean current
- Pushing people of all ages and sizes into waves
- Ensuring children are safe during surf lessons and paying closer attention to smaller children, keeping them in shallower water to maximize safety
- Driving large vehicles filled with surfboards as far south as Solimar Beach for lessons
- Organizing surfboards and wetsuits in the back of surf vehicles
- Washing wetsuits and organizing them in containers
- Working directly with clients and providing them with good customer service
- Teaching individuals proper surf techniques and etiquette on the sand and in the water
- Fostering independence for customers in helping them learn when to paddle for waves so they can be successful in catching them

Job Requirements and Experience:

- Clean driving record. Each instructor must have a clean driving record (parking tickets are fine) because you will be in charge of driving large vehicles filled with surfboards to the beach for every lesson.
- 5 years or more experience surfing. We expect our surf instructors to have five or more years of surfing experience in order to ensure proper surf instruction given during lessons.
- Proficient swimmer. We require each instructor to be proficient in swimming as they will spend most of their time in the water helping clients and will be required to swim.
- Ocean safety understanding. All of our instructors must understand ocean safety and be able to keep themselves and their clients safe during their lesson.

- Customer service. Each employee will have to work directly with customers and provide them with good customer service.
- Ability to show in a timely manner.
- Ability to swim and direct people in currents or deep water.
- Upbeat and positive attitude.
- CPR certification.

Safety Precautions and Inherent Risk:

- The ocean is unpredictable and this job works directly with and in the ocean. This work might require you to be subject to stingray stings, rocks, strong currents, wind, large waves, clients of all ages and sizes, sharp fins, and other surfers in the water.