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Adventures on the Gorge Hiring in Anticipation of Busy Summer Season

FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va., March 8, 2021 - With a renewed feeling of optimism, Southern West Virginia's [Adventures on the Gorge](#) (AOTG) is looking forward to a busy summer.

And the adventure resort is actively seeking seasonal employees to fill a wide number of positions, including rafting guides, zipline guides, rock climbing guides, lifeguards and hospitality workers.

Situated on the rim of the New River Gorge bordering the country's newest national park, AOTG is the leading whitewater rafting outfitter in the state. It also operates rock climbing tours, ziplines and other aerial adventures. It is a full-service resort with a conference center, restaurants, lounges, retail stores, cabins, campgrounds, swimming pool and more.



Aerial guide training will be held on weekends starting mid-April.



The resort is hiring lifeguards, foodservice workers, housekeepers and more.

“If you want to work hard, play hard and are interested in spending the summer either learning outdoor adventure or gaining experience in your chosen field, then we are interested in you,” said Jerry Smith, human resources director.

The company’s whitewater guide training program begins in early April and continues every weekend until late May, just in time for the rafting season to warm up. AOTG is looking for approximately 50 aspiring rafting guides. Those who successfully complete the program and are offered positions will then join returning guides for the summer. In mid-April a similar training program kicks off for aerial guides.

Upon completion of training, river and aerial guides will possess state certifications in areas such as first aid, river rescue and highline rescue. Rock climbing guides, however, must be single pitch-certified in advance to be considered.

Additional jobs are available as servers, bartenders, cooks and kitchen staffers in the Food and Beverage department as well as housekeepers, front desk clerks and in the conference center.

“There are great opportunities especially for people who love the outdoors or are looking to pursue a career in the hospitality or culinary fields,” said Smith. “We’ve seen many people who arrive not knowing their career paths, but they leave intent on forging a path in the adventure industry. In particular, anyone who completes the river guide training program will be taken seriously in this industry anywhere in the world.”

Guides are paid by the trip, but most compensation typically is comprised of guest gratuities. Other positions feature hourly compensation. Employees may enjoy company activities for free during their off hours. They also receive discounts for food, beverages and retail items. Most employees live at a nearby “guide camp” or rent sites at campgrounds in the area. Employees must successfully pass a drug test.

More information and employment videos are available at the company’s web site or through [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [TripAdvisor](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#) and by signing up for AOTG [e-newsletter](#).

Prospective employees may apply at <http://adventuresonthegorge.com/employment/> or contacting hr@adventuresonthegorge.com.

The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve became the country’s 63rd national park in December. Adventures on the Gorge is situated on the rim over the gorge adjacent to the park, and many of the resort’s adventures are within its boundaries. The resort is just two miles from the National Park Service Canyon River Visitor and New River Gorge Bridge. Even last summer when many people skipped vacations, national parks received strong numbers of visitors, which suggests that with increased confidence in travel, parks will again welcome plenty of visitors.

Reservations can be made [online](#) or by calling 1-855-379-8738.

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What to know about Adventures on the Gorge

Named one of the top six adventure resorts in the country by [U.S. News & World Report](#), Adventures on the Gorge is located on more than 250 acres along the rim of the majestic New River Gorge near Fayetteville, W.Va. The resort provides an array of outdoor experiences including whitewater

rafting on the New and Gauley Rivers, aerial adventures, rock climbing, rappelling, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, fishing, mountain biking and hiking. There are also restaurants, bars and shops as well as a small-group conference center. Visitors can choose from a variety of [accommodations](#) and [vacation packages](#).

Travelers can find out more about Adventures on the Gorge [online](#), by calling 1-855-379-8738, or connecting on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#), [TripAdvisor](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#) and signing up for AOTG [e-newsletter](#).

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