

Stephany Perkins is an outdoor Recreation Guide with the Maine Professional Guides Association.

"The best part of being a Maine Guide is that there is no typical day- every day is an adventure! As a recreation guide you can guide activities year round including hiking, paddling, and atving in the summer and snowshoeing, skiing, and s

nowmobiling in the winter to name a few. I spend a lot of time watching weather forecasts, checking trail conditions, and mapping out routes when building itineraries especially for multi-day adventures. Being prepared is an essential skill of being a Maine Guide- so that you are ready to adventure when the time comes! "

WHAT EARLY OPPORTUNITIES DID YOU TAKE TO HELP YOU GET WHERE YOU ARE TODAY?

Basic First Aid/CPR is required for this position but I recommend taking Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder Certifications to better prepare you for emergencies in the backcountry. I would also recommend taking any safety courses offered through Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (ATV/Snowmobiling/Hunting/Boating) to help you prepare for your Maine Guide Test.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE STUDENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERING YOUR CAREER PATH?

I encourage students to travel to learn more about the world around them and to foster an appreciation for the place where we live and an understanding of the people who come to visit! Get outside and take time to explore your own backyard! We live in a really special place here in Maine, with beautiful lakes and rivers, expansive forests, and dark skies that others from around the world come to see!



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"I love connecting people from around the world with our beautiful state of Maine and all it has to offer!"