

## Shuttle Driver and Shop Help

**San Juan Huts | Location: Ridgway/Ouray Area, Colorado | Job Type: Seasonal/30 hours a Week to Full-time**

**Pay: \$20 + Some Tips**

Shuttle Driver and Shop Support plays a critical role in the smooth operation of our hut-to-hut system. This position is a highly rewarding job that splits time between guest transport, backcountry hut cleaning and maintenance, and essential shop and facility preparation. The ideal candidate is reliable, enjoys working independently and as part of a small team, is comfortable with high-clearance 4x4 driving on rugged terrain, and possesses a strong personal background in multi-day wilderness hiking. Enjoying customer interactions is a must as you'll be the face of San Juan Huts and a positive attitude is essential.

### **Core Responsibilities**

#### 1. Backcountry Shuttling & Transportation

- **Hiker Transport:** Safely shuttle guests (primarily hikers and their gear) between key access points, including the route from Ouray to Last Dollar Pass.
- **Vehicle Operation:** Operate a company 4x4 van/truck on various paved and unpaved, high-clearance mountain roads in all weather conditions.
- **Guest Service:** Provide friendly and professional interaction with guests during shuttle runs, answering basic questions about the region and routes.
- **Vehicle Maintenance:** Maintain cleanliness of the company vehicle and report any maintenance needs promptly.

#### 2. Hut Cleaning and Logistics

- **Hut Maintenance:** Travel to remote backcountry huts to perform thorough cleaning and restocking tasks.

#### 3. Shop and Prep Work (Logistics Base)

- **Hut Resupply Preparation:** Assemble and prepare resupply kits, cleaning supplies, and other logistical items for field teams.
- **General Shop Tasks:** Maintain the cleanliness and organization of the shop and storage areas. This includes organizing gear, doing laundry, clearing clutter, and ensuring a safe working environment.

## **Work Schedule & Availability**

- **Standard Hours:** The base position is approximately **30 hours per week, structured as 4 days on.**
- **Start Time:** Shifts typically begin at **6:50 AM** to accommodate early shuttle runs.
- **Increased Hours Opportunity:** Additional hours are often available for candidates who possess the skills and equipment to participate in **multi-day bike hut resupply missions** on the mountain bike routes.
- **Availability:** Must have a flexible schedule and be available for early mornings, late evenings, and weekends as required by shuttle and resupply schedules.

## **Qualifications**

- **Backcountry Hiking Experience,** ideally backpacking in the San Juans and able to complete the Sneffels Traverse 4 night 5 day hike in late May.
- **Proven experience driving 4x4** or large vehicles on challenging, unpaved roads is highly preferred.
- **License:** Valid driver's license with a clean driving record is mandatory.
- **Physical Demands:** Must be capable of lifting and moving heavy items (up to 50+ lbs) and standing or walking for extended periods in variable conditions.
- **Work Ethic:** Strong commitment to organization, cleanliness, and punctuality.
- **Personal Skills:** Excellent communication and customer service skills.