

Park Ranger Naturalist Intern
Grand Teton National Park
Summer

Grand Teton National Park is considered to be one of the crown jewels of the national park system, a system which preserves and protects natural and cultural resources and values for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations. Grand Teton National Park preserves and protects the Teton Range, the central feature and focus of the park, and its surrounding landscapes, ecosystems, cultural and historic resources. Grand Teton National Park is located in northwestern Wyoming, just north of the town of Jackson, and just south of Yellowstone National Park. The park consists of about 310,000 acres encompassing the magnificent scenery of the Teton Range and the valley known as Jackson Hole. Wildlife found in the park include moose, elk, bison, bears, wolves, coyotes, bald eagles, trumpeter swans and a variety of other animals. Vegetation ranges from sagebrush in the dry Jackson Hole valley, to forests of lodgepole pines and other conifers, to dwarf alpine plants above treeline. Recreational opportunities in the park include sight-seeing, mountain climbing, hiking and backpacking, camping, fishing, wildlife and bird watching, horseback riding, boating, rafting, bicycling, photography and more.

Job Description:

Working in the field of natural history interpretation consists of positions that deal directly with park visitors. After completing a training session, the work involves answering questions at visitor centers and providing trip planning help at an information desk, researching, preparing, and presenting short guided walks and talks, presenting evening campfire talks, leading children's programs, providing information to individuals you may encounter on trails or overlooks and completing a wide variety of special projects. Work in other divisions such as administration, resource management, visitor protection, and maintenance may be available to round out the internship experience.

Applicants must be high school graduates with a solid academic background or college students in a declared major field of study such as natural or physical sciences, history, education, communications, natural science interpretation, or recreation and resource management. An interest or experience in interpretation or environmental education, natural or cultural history would be helpful, but is not required. Applicants should have a strong interest in resource preservation and management, an ability to communicate ideas effectively, and enthusiasm for sharing knowledge with others.

Interns work 5 days/week 8 hrs/day and receive a compensation of \$7.25 /hr. Housing will be provided with rent deducted from pay.

The application deadline for summer internships is March 1. This position begins May 24th, 2010 and runs at least 14 weeks through August 28th, 2010. For additional information call Andrew Langford at 307-739-3401.

Submit a detailed resume which lists education, work experience, hobbies and other interests, and at least three references. College students or graduates should also include a college transcript.

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