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Cumberland Island National Seashore Seeks Teachers for Teacher Ranger Teacher Program

ST MARYS, GA — Cumberland Island National Seashore is seeking one teacher to fill a teacher-ranger position this summer, and officials are seeking candidates now.

“It’s a great opportunity for the teacher and for the park system,” Fred Boyles, Superintendent Cumberland Island National Seashore, said about the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program, which brings teachers into national parks to learn about the system and, in return, take that knowledge back to share with their students.

“We give them an overview of the Park Service mission,” Boyles said “They will put the mission into practice as they work with visitors teaching them to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources. In turn they take that experience back into the classroom.”

The selected teacher will spend eight weeks working in a hands-on environment as a park ranger including presenting interpretive programs for the general public, expanding the park’s curriculum programs, experiencing active science by working with park biologists and taking on special projects.

During the coming school year, the teacher will develop and present curriculum-based lesson plans based on the summer’s experience, and during National Park Week next April, the teacher-ranger will wear the National Park Service uniform to school, engaging students and other teachers in activities relating to national parks.

The selected teacher will earn \$300 per week in supplemental income and will receive a ranger uniform. Science and history/social study teachers are especially encouraged to apply, but teachers of all grades and backgrounds are welcome.

The teacher-ranger position will be located both in St Marys and on Cumberland Island. There is no park housing available. The deadline for applications is April 10.

For specific program details and information on how to apply, contact Maggie Tyler at 912-882-4336 ext. 257 or e-mail to maggie_tyler@nps.gov.

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