

**Application for the Teacher to Ranger to Teacher Program
Niobrara National Scenic River**

**Send completed application and principle support letter via email to sandi_kinzer@nps.gov
or mail hard copy application materials to:**

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Teacher's Name:

Home Address:

Home Phone Number:

School:

School Address:

School Phone Number:

Email (Most frequently used):

How best to contact you and what time:

Grade level and courses taught this year and in the coming year:

1. Are you able to commit to eight weeks of employment between mid-May to mid-August (start/end dates flexible within this time frame, short leave requests may also be considered during this time)?
2. Are you agreeable to either commuting from home or renting housing in Valentine (with some reimbursement to help defray either commuting or rental costs)?
3. What kinds of activities would be of interest to your students and how would you incorporate them into your classroom?
4. Are you willing to attend an additional meeting to share your experience, talk about improvements for the program, and share activities?
5. Are you willing to wear the National Park Service uniform to school during National

Park Week (mid-April near Earth Day), or another similar time period, do presentations about the park service for your school, and in other district schools?

6. A) Why are you interested in this position and working in at national park site?

B) Summarize what you think you would like to do in the park this summer.

C) Summarize what you think you might be expected to do for the park.

D) What are your impressions of what a ranger does in a national park?

7. How will you share information and ideas gained from this experience with your school district colleagues?

Please also submit:

- Principal approval page (attached)
- Names and telephone numbers of three (3) references

In applying for this position, I verify all the information I have supplied is correct.

Teacher's Signature

Date

Approval of the Principal Letter

I support _____ (Name of Teacher) in participating in the Teacher to Ranger to Teacher Program. I understand there will need to be an Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement between the School District and the National Park Service.

This agreement supports teachers working in National Parks during the summer as park rangers, while developing activities that support the curricula of this school. I will allow this teacher to implement these activities in the classroom with my review and approval.

I will also allow this teacher to participate in the spring National Park Week. During that week, this teacher is allowed to wear the National Park Service uniform and to give presentations about the summer experience in the parks to the student body of this school. With the support of the school supplying substitute teachers for one day, this teacher may be allowed to visit one or two other schools and give additional presentations during National Park Week.

Principal

School

Date