



## Teacher Ranger Teacher- Professional Development Opportunity Interpretation and Education

### Professional Development Opportunity

The Teacher Ranger Teacher program is a professional development opportunity for K-12 teachers to spend the summer acquiring new skills in experiential learning through a program provided by a partnership between the National Park Service (NPS) and the University of Colorado Denver (CUD). The participants spend between four and six weeks in a NPS unit developing a major educational project and participating in an online graduate course from CU Denver. The goal of the program is to train teachers in the resources and themes of the NPS so that they can return to their schools in the fall and incorporate their new skills into their classroom activities. NPS aims to especially reach students from underserved schools and districts by recruiting teachers from Title 1, urban or rural schools and from tribal schools to participate in the Teacher Ranger Teacher program.

**Park Name:** Obed Wild and Scenic River

**Mailing Address:** 4564 Leatherwood Road, Oneida TN 37841

**Park Contact:** Daniel Banks

**Park Contact Email Address:** [daniel\\_banks@nps.gov](mailto:daniel_banks@nps.gov)

**Park Phone Number:** 423-286-7275

**Projected Dates of Detail:** June 5 - July 21, 2023

**Housing Availability:** No

**Stipend:** \$3000.00 upon completion of program and graduate course requirements

**Graduate Credit:** 3 graduate credit hours through University of Colorado Denver

**Program Hourly Requirements:** Total of 230 hours of effort; 160 hours of major educational project, 45 hours of online coursework, discussion, course readings, 25 hours of NPS operational experiences.

**Additional Information:** This position is located at the Obed Wild and Scenic River in Wartburg, TN. As a Teacher Ranger Teacher at Obed Wild and Scenic River you will have the opportunity to work in one of the most beautiful and unique National Park Sites in the country. The Obed was added to the National Park System in October 1976 and consists of sections of four streams: Daddy's Creek, Clear Creek, Emory River, and the Obed River. For thousands of years these streams have been cutting into the sandstone of the Cumberland Plateau creating spectacular gorges with 200-foot cliffs. Your Teacher Ranger Teacher experience at the Obed will consist of touring the park, shadowing rangers as they provide programs and learning more about the flora and fauna of the area with National Park Service experts as they work in Resource Management. Your summer will be filled with new experiences that only the National Park Service can provide. The Obed is looking for a Teacher Ranger Teacher who can help create educational experiences in a variety of subject areas. Some possible projects may include: creating astronomy programs, virtual fieldtrips, informational packets for educators and on-line lesson plans.

**To Apply:** please e-mail your resume, cover letter and application to [daniel\\_banks@nps.gov](mailto:daniel_banks@nps.gov). All applications must be submitted through email, and are due by **Friday, May 12, 2023**.



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## Application

**Applicant Name:**

**Home Address:**

**Home/Cell Phone:**

**Email Address:**

**Applicant's School Name:**

**School District/State:**

**School Address:**

**School Phone:**

**Grade level and subject(s) taught:**

1. **Do you teach at a Title I school?** (please circle) No Yes If yes, what percentage of your students qualify for Free and Reduced-Price Lunches?
2. **Can you commit to approximately 4-6 weeks of time (230-240 hours) during the summer season (May-August, depending on park needs)?** (please circle) No Yes
3. **Describe your most effective unit or lesson plan that actively engaged students in learning. Why was it successful?**
4. **Why do you want to participate in Teacher Ranger Teacher?**
5. **How will you use your TRT experience to enrich your classroom teaching and create opportunities for your students to connect to the National Park system?**
6. **How will you share information and skills acquired through this experience with your school and district colleagues?**
7. **Describe your familiarity and experiences with local, state or national parks.**

**Please provide information for two professional references:**

**Reference 1:**

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Relationship to applicant:**

**Reference 2:**

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Relationship to applicant:**