



Interpretation Internship – West Side Summer 2012 (Grand Lake)

Would you enjoy interacting with park visitors and assisting them to understand and appreciate natural and cultural resources? As an interpretation intern on the west side of Rocky Mountain NP, you will gain experience presenting thematic interpretive programs, operating a visitor center, and staffing Holzwarth Historic Site, a 1920s-era guest ranch. You will also increase your knowledge of natural and cultural resources and park management.



Area Information

Rocky Mountain National Park is located 70 miles northwest of Denver and consists of 415 square miles of high mountain scenery carved and sculpted by glaciers. Elevations range from 8000-14,000 feet. Wildlife includes elk, bighorn sheep, coyotes, mountain lions, moose, pika, black bears and a variety of birds. Trail Ridge Road provides access to the alpine tundra while connecting the east and west sides of the park. There are over 355 miles of trails within the park. More information is available at www.nps.gov/romo.

Qualifications

Rocky Mountain National Park seeks college students or recent graduates of exceptional ability with a background in natural science, history, communication, education, interpretation, recreation and resources management or related fields.

Candidates should have excellent communication and teamwork skills, including the ability to present formal presentations or tours. Flexibility, reliability, and a continuing thirst for learning are also crucial.

Duties and Responsibilities

Duties include researching, preparing and presenting interpretive natural and cultural history programs to a variety of diverse audiences, staffing a historic site, answering questions at park visitor centers and communicating current park issues in a professional manner to the public.

Additional duties include working as a team with park volunteers, seasonal and permanent staff, including communicating well with supervisors. Must possess a valid driver's license and have the ability to work on uneven terrain above 8,000 feet.

Dates of Service and Benefits

May 29 through August 18 or October 13, 2012.
Commitment is forty hours/week, including weekends and holidays.

Stipend is \$225/week plus housing. Two weeks of in-depth training is provided, followed by on-going mentoring.

Application Procedures

Application deadline is February 15, 2012
Required documents:
1. Detailed resume listing education, work experience and other interests.
2. Three references with contact information
3. A cover letter
4. Transcript (unofficial or official)

Mail completed application to:
Michele Simmons
Colorado River District Interpreter
Rocky Mountain National Park
16018 US Highway 34
Grand Lake, CO 80447

Call 970-586-1518 with questions.