



Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program



The Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) program links NPS units with in-service teachers from public and private schools. Teachers selected for the program spend the summer working in national parks as park rangers. They perform various duties depending on their interests and the needs of the parks; they develop and present programs for the general public, staff visitor center desks, develop educational activities for schools that visit parks, or work on special projects.

The 2011 TRT program for each of the area parks is an 8-week program beginning in early June. All teachers receive an NPS uniform, and a \$300 per week stipend for participating in the program. Please note applications are due on January 26, 2011. Specific questions about each site and its program should be directed to the contact person.

White Sands National Monument

White Sands is an unique resource encompassing the largest gypsum dune field in the world. The TRT will be a full time park ranger in the Interpretation Division performing traditional duties such as nature walks, patio talks, and staffing the visitor center information desk. The TRT will also write several short plays for the 'Sand Dune Puppet Theatre' & develop lesson plans with activities for teachers to use at the monument when a ranger is not available. RV spots available; park housing may be available. Contact: Kathy Denton, Education Specialist
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Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument

Put on the Ranger uniform for the summer and work at Gila Cliff Dwellings! Our TRT will develop and conduct guided tours of area archeological sites including the Mimbres Culture Historic Site, and participate in outreach efforts thorough local museums and archaeological sites. The selected teacher will receive training in Southwestern archeology and housing will be provided.

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Guadalupe Mountains National Park

Guadalupe TRT will develop and teach children's summer programs, work in the visitor center, present interpretive talks, write curriculum, work on distance learning with the Sea to Shining Sea program, and rove park trails. The primary position will be located at the Pine Springs Visitor Center but there may be other opportunities for programs at remote sites. RV spots with hook-ups and/or shared park housing is available. Contact: Craig Tanner, Interpretation Ranger
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Carlsbad Caverns National Park

The TRT will assist with ParKids, a three-week summer day camp for kids 7-15. Run the Kids Korner, a park based activity center for kids Pre-K and up. The TRT will also aid in the development and revision of curriculum-based school activities for all grades, and help create a Junior Ranger book for visitors 13 and up. They will also give orientations to large groups, prepare educational fee waivers, and prepare materials for programming. Park housing may be available.

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