Internship in Interpretation

National Park Service
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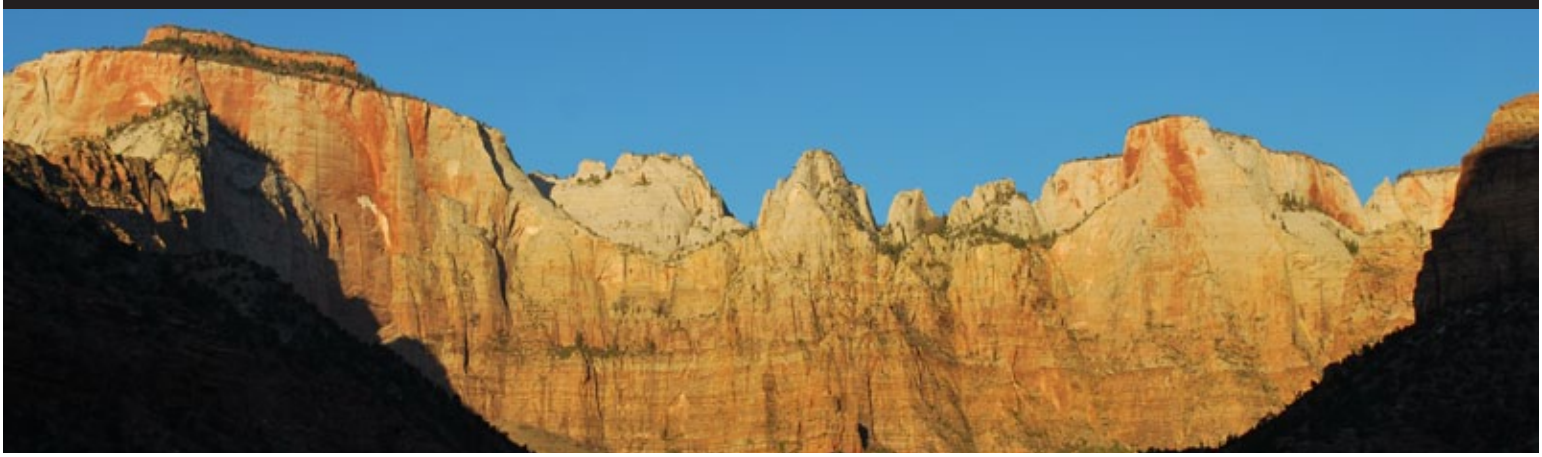
Zion National Park
Utah



If you want to share the fascinating geology, ecology, and history of the Southwest with visitors from all over the world, Zion National Park may be the place for you. Zion offers a summer internship for 14 to 16 weeks from mid-May to Labor Day. This internship provides students or recent graduates with practical work experience in visitor services and interpretation in a busy national park.

Duties

This position is in the Division of Interpretation and Visitor Services. After training, the intern will work with mentors to prepare and present interpretive programs for park visitors. These programs include talks, guided walks, and shuttle tours. The intern will staff the visitor center and museum information desks, providing information and trip-planning assistance for visitors.

Additionally, tasks and projects will be assigned that contribute to the successful operation of the division. Depending on the intern's area of interest, a project can be determined that will develop the individual's skills and provide the park with a valuable finished product.

Work hours include early mornings, late evenings, weekends, and holidays. (40 hours per week, two days off.) Some work will be performed outdoors and the summer desert climate is very hot.

Qualifications

We are looking for applicants that are friendly, positive, and professional. Experience working with the public is desirable. Interns must be interested in and able to communicate with people of all ages and backgrounds.

Whether through coursework or other pursuits, applicants should be able to demonstrate a genuine interest in natural science, history, communications, or parks and recreation management.

Benefits

In return for service to Zion National Park, interns will receive $200/week, training, and free housing. This program is sponsored by the Zion Natural History Association.

Housing is a private dorm room with shared bath and kitchen facilities. Pets are not permitted.

Upon completion of the program, interns will have gained a season's experience working for the National Park Service, which could be of benefit when applying for paid seasonal positions in the future.

How to Apply

Applicants should submit a resume that describes education, work or volunteer experience, and contact information for at least three references. Please also include a unofficial college transcript.

The application deadline is March 1.

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