



Capulin Volcano National Monument



Field Study in Park Interpretation

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, every national park will work to create a new generation of citizen scientists and future stewards of our parks. As we head toward our second century, help us sponsor excellence in science and scholarship, gain knowledge about park resources, and create the next generation of park managers.

Capulin Volcano National Monument's Field Study in Park Interpretation is a unique intercollegiate, interdisciplinary program designed to develop interpretation and leadership skills in college and university students interested in working for the National Park Service and other federal land management agencies. Students will be interacting with the public and acting as a front line representative for the National Park Service. The program is sponsored and administered by Capulin Volcano National Monument, a unit of the National Park Service.

This internship is geared towards students studying interpretation and related areas. One participant will be chosen to spend eight weeks working and shadowing professionals in the field. This provides a unique learning environment and opportunities to develop personal relationships and professional networks for future employment.

Program curriculum includes instruction in interpretive techniques, digital and print media development, customer service skills, and preservation/archival management. Participants observe and acquire insight into how national parks operate and gain valuable hands-on experience. Participants also cross train with NPS resource managers to learn the basics of natural/cultural resource management.



Top: Capulin Volcano.
Bottom: 2014 program participants.

Program Information:

“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

President Theodore Roosevelt

Location:

Capulin Volcano National Monument is located in northeastern New Mexico, approximately halfway between the towns of Clayton, NM, and Raton, NM, on U.S. Highway 64/87. The nearest gas station and restaurant is located 13 miles east in Des Moines, NM. The nearest grocery store, hospital and movie theater are located 33 miles west in Raton, NM. For this reason it is recommended that participants bring a vehicle, though one is not required.

Programmatic Description:

This is an 8 week field study with the Interpretation Division at Capulin Volcano National Monument. Participants will be provided a \$2500.00 living stipend and on-site housing at no cost. Typical schedules consist of 40 hour workweeks with 8 hour days, though this is semi-flexible. While most time is spent with the Interpretation Division, participants will work with other divisions to develop additional skills. This may include anything from assisting with bird banding to custodial duties. Participants can expect moderately strenuous work in the dry heat of summer at high elevations. Please take this into consideration.

Learning Objectives:

Museum Management
Public Relations
Informal Interpretation
Social Media
Visitor Services
Oral History
Digital Media
Resource Education
Interagency Partnerships

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must have been accepted for enrollment or be enrolled and seeking a degree (diploma, certificate, etc.) in a qualifying educational institution on a full or half-time basis. Preferred programs include: History, Museum Studies, Theatre/Performance/Film, Ethnography, Sociology, Natural Resource Ecology, or related program.

The information you provide will be verified by a review of your work experience and/or education, checking references, and thorough interviews.

How to Apply:

Applicants will need to provide a current resume with 3 references, a completed questionnaire, and unofficial transcripts.

Send completed application and support letter via fax, mail, or e-mail to:

Field Study Program
Capulin Volcano National Monument
P.O. Box 40
Des Moines, NM 88418

cavo_field_study@nps.gov
575-278-2201 Phone
575-278-2211 Fax

**Deadline for submission is 12:00 a.m. MST
March 6, 2015.**

Field Study Program Partners:



Western
National Parks
Association



Interpretation Application:

Name:

Address:

Cell Phone:

University/College:

E-mail (most frequently used):

Best method and time to contact you:

Major:

Questionnaire:

1. Can you commit to 8 weeks of employment between May 31, 2016, and August 15, 2016?

Yes

No

(Note: Starting/ending dates are flexible within this time frame; short leave requests may be considered.)

2. How do you hope to use the information and experience gained from the field study program in your academic and professional career?

3. Participants will have an opportunity to shadow employees from park divisions outside of Interpretation. Are there certain park divisions (Resources, Maintenance, Administration) at Capulin Volcano National Monument that interest you more than others?

For the questions below, please select from A through E to indicate the skill level that you possess for each task listed.

Questions below are meant to gauge previous experience, not to exclude those who have not worked with listed equipment.

A- I have not had any education, training or experience in performing this task.

B- I have education or training in performing this task, but I have not yet performed it on the job.

C- I have performed this task on the job, with close supervision from supervisor or senior employee.

D- I have performed this task as a regular part of a job, independently and usually without supervision from senior employee.

E- I am considered as an expert in performing this task, and/or have trained others (or am consulted by others) on how to do it.

What experience do you possess experience operating interpretation equipment/software such as:

4. Vehicle

A B C D E

5. DSL Camera

A B C D E

6. Video Camera

A B C D E

7. Photoshop

A B C D E

8. InDesign

A B C D E

9. Illustrator

A B C D E

Recommendation:

List below the name and address of one faculty member familiar with your academic ability. All recommendations are confidential.

Recommender Name:

Department:

Department address:

Phone number:

Email address: