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## Congaree National Park 2013 Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Application

### Send completed application and support letter to:

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Teacher's Name:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

School:

School District:

School Address:

School Phone Number:

E-mail (most frequently used):

Best method and time to contact you:

Grade level and courses taught this year and in the coming year:

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1. How many weeks of work can you commit to from June through September of 2013? (Note: Starting/ending dates and work schedule are flexible within this time frame) What is the earliest date you can start? What is the last date you can work during the summer?
  2. You may be expected to wear the National Park Service Teacher Corps uniform (polo shirt and hat) to school during National Park Week (April 2014) and give presentations about the National Park Service and Congaree National Park to your students, colleagues, other classes, and district schools. Are you willing to do so? Yes No  
Note: Your principal's approval and signature is required.

3. Briefly describe your knowledge of and familiarity with national parks.
4. What are your particular interests in the natural sciences and cultural heritage?
5. What are your personal and professional objectives for being a teacher-ranger?
6. How would you use this experience to enrich your classroom teaching and curriculum?
7. How will you share information and ideas gained from this experience with your school colleagues?
8. You will be asked to develop lesson plans, meeting South Carolina state standards, that incorporate the natural and cultural history of Congaree National Park and information about the National Park Service (at least 70% of duties). What is your experience level with curriculum development?
9. You may work directly with park visitors (up to 30% of duties) to share information about Congaree National Park. What is your experience and comfort level working with the general public?

**Please also submit:**

- Principal approval page (following)
- Names and telephone numbers of three (3) references
- Letter of support from a colleague

**Application deadline is April 22, 2013.**

**In applying for this position, I verify all the information I have supplied is correct.**

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**Teacher's Signature**

**Date**

**Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program  
Congaree National Park, Hopkins, SC**

**Approval of the Principal**

I support \_\_\_\_\_ (name of teacher) in participating in the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) program at Congaree National Park. I understand that the TRT will work in Congaree National Park during the summer of 2013, while developing activities that support the curricula of this school. I will allow this teacher to implement these activities in the classroom with my review and approval.

I will also allow this teacher to participate in the Spring 2014 National Park Week. During that week, she or he is allowed to wear the National Park Service Teacher Corps uniform (polo shirt and hat) and give presentations about their summer experience in the National Parks to our student body. If funding is available for substitute teachers, this teacher is permitted to visit other schools during National Park Week for additional presentations.

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**Principal**

**School**

**Date**