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Congaree National Park 2012 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 August of 2012? (Note: Starting/ending dates are flexible within this time frame; short leave requests can be considered.) What is the earliest date you can start?
 2. You may be expected to wear the National Park Service uniform to school during National Park Week (April 2012) and give presentations about the Service 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 our 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?

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 23, 2012.

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

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 program at Congaree National Park. I understand there will need to be an Intergovernmental Agreement between the school district and the National Park Service. This agreement supports teachers working in national parks during the summer as park rangers, 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 2012 National Park Week. During that week, she or he is allowed to wear the National Park Service uniform 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.

Principal

School

Date