



## Interpretation/Visitor Services Internship 2009

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Death Valley National Park is currently accepting applications for a summer internship in the Division of Interpretation for the 2009 summer season. Death Valley National Park is located in the northern Mojave Desert, approximately 120 west of Las Vegas, NV. At 3.4 million acres, Death Valley is the largest park in the lower 48 states and renowned for being the hottest, driest location in the United States. This stunning landscape contains the lowest point in the western hemisphere at -282 feet, as well as spectacular mountain ranges with peaks up to 11,000 feet in elevation. The park boasts a variety of natural and cultural resources to explore. Summer-time temperatures in Death Valley can exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit, making this a challenging environment in which to live and work. However, this position provides a great opportunity for individuals seeking a paid position in a spectacular National Park.

**Internship Duties:** Interns will serve as a front-line representative of the agency staffing the park's primary contact station, the Furnace Creek Visitor Center desk. Duties: Staffs visitor center information desk and provides information, orientation and informal interpretation of park resources. Conducts research to better understand park resources and significance. Advises visitors of park regulations and provides safety messages about extreme temperatures and remote locations. Processes information requests received via phone and e-mail. Other special projects will be available, depending on the interests of appointee and park needs. Visitation during the summer months is steady and largely comprised of international visitors. Foreign language skills are not necessary, but would be a plus.

**Number of Positions:** 1

**Duration:** Dates are somewhat flexible. Roughly late May 2009 to late August 2009.

**Compensation and Housing:** Intern will be paid \$9/hour and will work the equivalent of 40-hour weeks. Shared housing (dormitory style with private bedrooms, shared bathrooms, and satellite television) is available at no cost. Interns will be living 60 miles from the nearest full service community (grocery and retail stores). Due to the remote location, a personal vehicle is **required**. Community amenities include an exercise room and swimming pool.

**College Credit:** Death Valley National Park is more than willing to work with students, faculty and college departments to assist interns in receiving credit for their internship.

**How to Apply:** Send completed application package with the following: a resume, a copy of college transcripts, and the names and phone numbers of three references to Death Valley National Park, Attn: Justin Sochacki, PO Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328. Electronic versions will also be accepted (MS Word or .pdf files) via the email address below. For more information about the internship, please contact Justin Sochacki at 760/786-3276 or ([Justin\\_Sochacki@nps.gov](mailto:Justin_Sochacki@nps.gov)). Additional park information is located at [www.nps.gov/deva](http://www.nps.gov/deva)

**Application Deadline:** Applicants should apply ASAP. Deadline for applications is April 15.