

## **Opportunity with Grand Teton National Park Wildlife Brigade VIP Program**

Grand Teton National Park is currently recruiting volunteers to help support a new wildlife-human interface management and educational program for summer 2008. Wildlife Brigade VIPs (volunteers in parks) will assist National Park Service staff in providing a safe wildlife viewing environment for visitors and wildlife along park roads and in developed areas. Responsibilities include promoting ethical wildlife viewing practices, assisting with traffic and people management during roadside wildlife jams, performing patrols in developed areas to look for unsecured food and other bear attractants, interpretive education for park visitors about wildlife and other park resources, and data collection. Work will be performed mostly outside with significant time standing and/or walking.



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Wildlife Brigade VIPs will gain significant knowledge related to animal behavior, natural history, and park and recreation management. Volunteers are expected to display a pleasant, helpful and professional attitude during daily contact with visitors while managing roadside wildlife jams involving black and grizzly bears, moose, elk, and bison. Interactions with visitors who are disgruntled or in violation of regulations will occasionally occur requiring tact, patience, and other social skills. VIPs must be able to maintain a positive attitude when dealing with the public and answering repetitive questions. VIPs are required to wear a National Park Service Volunteer uniform while working and must work a minimum of 32 hours a week to receive Park Service housing or a RV site. Limited reimbursement may be available for meals, mileage and other out-of-pocket expenses related to the position. Shifts most likely will start mid-day and end after dark. Volunteers must possess a valid driver's license and may drive a government vehicle.

- 2 positions
- June – September

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Announcement will remain open until the positions are filled.