



NPS Academy 2013

Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska

A career preparatory initiative for students of color and rural Alaskans.



Apply now! NPS Academy positions are limited.

Applicants must be current high school or college students, or working toward the two. Must be U.S. citizen. All majors welcome.

Applicants should be available and interested for ALL phases of NPS Academy. Candidates must complete "MySCA" profile and application.

High School Age: Apply for National Conservation Crew

Young Adults: Apply for Conservation Internship

Interviews begin in January and acceptance is on a rolling basis.

**For full consideration,
Application deadline is
Feb 11, 2013.**

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) and the National Park Service (NPS) are looking for young Alaskans interested in discovering and exploring the many career opportunities available in today's Park Service. In this unique opportunity, participants will gain valuable work experience as well as access to key leaders within NPS.

Successful candidates will come equipped with enthusiasm, professionalism, and a strong work ethic. The NPS Academy maximizes career opportunities with the National Park Service through training and hands-on experiences.

Phase 1: NPS Academy Orientation, March 10 - 16, 2013, Seward, AK

- Participate in workshops, field experience, discussions and recreational activities while exploring a myriad of career opportunities and important issues.

Phase 2: Summer Internship or Trail Crew, Summer 2013

- Young Adults: 12-week paid summer internship with the NPS. Connect with a NPS Staff Mentor and gain professional skills and improve your Federal Resume.
- High School Students: 1-month paid summer trail crew position. Connect with a team of diverse youth to build trails and build community.

Phase 3: Outreach, Fall 2013

- Serve as NPS Academy Ambassadors by reaching out to your community to generate interest for the 2014 NPS Academy programs.

Phase 4: Career Placement, Ongoing

- Work with mentors, advisors, and supervisors to plan next steps.

For Alaska applicants, please contact recruiter Jeff Chen at JChen@thesca.org or Call or Text (907) 717 - 8414 for more details and an application fee waiver.

MISSION

The mission of NPS Academy - Alaska is to prepare a diverse cohort of young, underrepresented Alaskans to become the next generation of conservation leaders -- both within the great national parks and outside of them too!

VISION

Through community collaboration, NPS Academy aims to be a leader in the national shift toward a more inclusive conservation movement. Through hands-on learning and fresh creative input, students enrolled in NPS Academy will gain a valuable perspective on career opportunities and meaningful connections to our National Parks. Through historical and cultural exploration, participants will help create a new story for the 21st century -- one that resounds with each and all of our identities.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & IMPLEMENTATION

During a one-week Spring Break orientation in Seward, 24 selected participants have the opportunity to experience various perspectives on the National Park Service's history, culture, and job opportunities in Alaska. Through facilitated workshops, field trips, and interactive activities, participants will delve into conservation issues, cultural awareness, and the importance of national parks and gateway communities in Alaska.

After successful completion of the alternative spring break orientation, students have the opportunity to be placed into a variety of either summer trail crews or internship positions in parks throughout Alaska, in a pathway towards committed conservation citizenship.

LINK TO ONLINE APPLICATION: <http://mysca.force.com/member/NewRegistration>

For high school students, apply to: National Conservation Crew

For young adults, apply to: Conservation Internship

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline: Monday, 2/11/12 midnight

Notification of Acceptance: Monday, 2/18/12 COB

Spring Break NPS Academy Orientation:

March 10 - March 16, 2013 (during Spring Break for most students)

Summer Internship:

High School Students: June 2013

Young Adults: June - August 2013 (12 weeks)

Ambassador:

Throughout the fall, program participants are tasked with reaching out to other students and young adults about NPS Academy

BENEFITS to PARTICIPANTS

Students and young adults who attend the NPS Academy will be provided:

Paid internship (\$180/week for Young Adults & \$500/4 weeks for High School students)

Americorps education award after completion

Housing during their service

Potential for direct-hire status for post-internship seasonal employment

Free Transportation/Room/Board for the Spring Break NPS Academy orientation

One week of orientation and fun with other young Alaskans and park staff in Seward

Free Transportation to/from NPS internship site

Contact Jeff Chen for more information

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