

Photo Intern application

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



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The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

-The National Park Service Mission

INTRODUCTION

Jagged peaks, deep valleys, cascading waterfalls, and over 300 glaciers make North Cascades National Park Complex a photographer's paradise. In addition to stunning alpine landscapes, there are countless other stories to tell with one's camera: the effect of climate change on Pacific Northwest ecosystems, archeological discoveries, the behind-the-scenes operations of park staff, and the arrival of visitors from all over the world.

In 2010, North Cascades National Park Complex is pleased to offer a part-time photo internship for the summer season. The goal of the internship is to help the national park improve its digital storytelling ability by increasing and refining its photography and video resources. In return, the intern will gain professional experience working for a respected, mission-based federal agency.

This is NOT a "go fetch me some coffee" type of internship. Our intern will be considered a valuable and contributing member of the Interpretation and Education division of North Cascades National Park Complex. While the primary responsibilities of the intern will be as a photographer, there will be additional opportunities for graphic design, video work, and social media.

PROJECTS

- Take photography field trips into the national park to document natural and cultural resources, staff operations, and the visiting public.
- Update the North Cascades National Park Flickr image library. This includes adding new images, tags, and captions, as well as categorizing images into sets and collections.
- Film interpretive programs in the national park such as evening programs, trail walks, and exploration tables. No video editing skills are required.
- Maintain a blog about field trips and the internship experience.

Independent projects of the intern, such as school requirements or work study, will also be supported.

THE DETAILS

- Internship length: 12 weeks, anytime between May and September.
- Part-time, 20/hrs a week.
- Unpaid.
- 50% of the time will be spent on field trips into the national park. The remaining 50% will be spent at the headquarters building in Sedro-Woolley, WA.
- Housing is not provided.
- Must be 18 years or older and have a valid driver's license.
- A background check is required for access to government computers.
- Photography and video equipment will be provided.

QUALIFICATIONS

We are looking for an outgoing, people-person. The intern needs to be comfortable engaging with the staff and public. This internship also requires managing large numbers of digital images. Consequently, the intern needs to be highly organized and attentive to details.

The intern should demonstrate high technical skills as a photographer and be confident in composition, lighting, aperture, and shutter speed. The intern must know how to use Adobe Photoshop and have a familiarity with Adobe Illustrator and InDesign.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For questions about the internship, please contact:
Michael Liang, Visual Information Specialist
360-854-7305, Michael_Liang@nps.gov

Learn more about the national park at:
www.nps.gov/noca
www.flickr.com/northcascadesnationalpark

APPLICATION

DUE POSTMARKED BY Monday, February 1, 2010

Please include:

- Resumé
- Portfolio of no more than 12 images, submitted as jpegs on a CD.
Include a sheet with captions, written as they might appear on a website or publication.
- 200 word response about why you are interested in an internship with North Cascades National Park Complex.

MAIL APPLICATION PACKET TO:

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Final decision will be announced by Monday, March 1, 2010.