



Summer Work Opportunity with the National Park Service

The National Park Service is currently accepting applications for the 2014 Branching Out Program.

Branching Out is an outdoor, summer work experience that provides young people (ages 16 – 24 by July 1) with an overview of landscape maintenance practices through educational workshops and hands-on field experiences.

Landscape maintenance: the process of keeping a landscape (park, garden, yard, etc..) clean, safe, healthy and attractive.

This is a 38-40 hour/week, paid experience. Hourly rates start at \$10.00/hour. Participants will:

- Learn about the historical significance of national parks and how to maintain them.
- Gain hands-on experience in tree and shrub care, turf management, and formal garden maintenance.
- Receive training and certification in use of power tools.
- Receive special training specific to your interests.
- Discover education pathways to college or training.
- Explore career paths such as gardener, horticulturist, or arborist.
- Visit a national park in another state.

Applicants may be eligible for an 8 – 10 week position. Experience is not required, but placement is based on the applicant's level of skill and interest in the field of landscape maintenance.

For more information contact Michelle Pizzillo at 617/241-6954 ex: 268 or michelle_pizzillo@nps.gov.



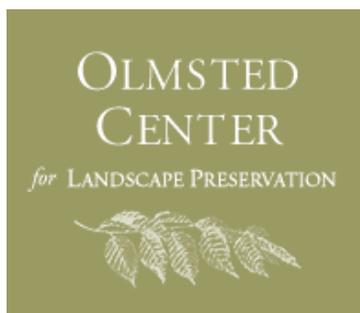
Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation assists parks with landscape preservation projects throughout the country. Clockwise from top: 2013 Branching Out at Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site; Shaquelle transplanting iris at Salem Maritime National Historical Site; Raldison setting bricks at Minute Man National Historical Park.

To apply, return the completed application to:

Celena Illuzzi
Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation
Charlestown Navy Yard, Quarters C
Boston, MA 02129

Or fax your application to: 617/241-3952

Applications must be received by March 14, 2014.
Applications received after March 14th will not be reviewed.





Maccus top dressing the lawn at Adams National Historical Park.



Helen and Zach dividing irises at Adams National Historical Park.



The field team learning about tree biology on Peddocks Island.

2014 Branching Out Program Application

Positions available in 2014 include:

Field Team Member:

Field team members travel to different National Park Service sites in the Northeast Region (mostly within the Boston area) to complete training sessions and then provide care to our nation's most treasured landscapes.

- a. Skills and Interests: Field team members must have an interest in learning about landscape maintenance practices, being part of a team, and working outdoors.
- b. Participants Will:
 1. Gain experience with hand tools.
 2. Be exposed to multiple aspects of the National Park Service.
 3. Visit multiple national parks in Boston area.

Park-based Internship:

Park-based interns become an integrated member of a National Park Service landscape maintenance crew and provide care to a National Park Service site in the area. Interns also explore a variety of educational and work opportunities in the field of landscape management.

- a. Skills and Interests: Experience working in the field of landscape maintenance and the intent to pursue landscape management educational and career opportunities. Ability to work independently and with a team.
- b. Participants Will:
 1. Gain specialized experience based on individual interests.
 2. Receive training of specific equipment.
 3. Work alongside a park mentor.

Directions:

Decide which position is best for you, Field Team Member or Park Based Intern. Base your decision on previous experiences, qualifications, and your own personal interests. Next, complete the following application to the best of your ability (attaching any other supporting documents such as resume, recommendation letters, etc.). Mail or fax the completed application packet to:

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Requirements:

- i. Completed application
- ii. Letter of intent
- iii. Letter of recommendation (teacher, guidance counselor previous employer, etc.)
- iv. Interview with program staff



Branching Out Application

Due: March 14, 2014

For what position are you applying ? _____

- First-year Field Team Member (Age 16-18)
 - o Completed application
 - o Letter of intent
 - o Letter of recommendation
 - o Interview with program staff
- Park-based Intern (Age 18-24)
 - o Completed application
 - o Letter of intent
 - o Letter of recommendation
 - o Interview with park and program staff

General Information:

Name (First/Last) _____

Home Address: _____ Apt. : _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Email address: _____

What is the best way to contact you? _____

When is the best time to contact you? _____

Age as of July 1, 2014 _____

How did you hear about Branching Out? (Circle)

- Other Program
- PIC Officer
- Teacher
- Other (please list) _____



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Your Name (first and last): _____

1. Do you have a checking or savings account? (Circle 'Yes' or 'No')

Yes

No

If you circled "No" you must obtain a checking or savings account, for the purpose of direct deposit, by May 1, 2014.

2. If selected, ALL Park-based Interns are required to complete a background check. Are you willing to complete a background check? (Circle 'Yes' or 'No')

Yes

No

3. Would you be willing or interested in relocating if a career opportunity within the National Park Service or other agency became available following your Branching Out experience? (circle one)

Yes, completely willing

Maybe, I would like to hear more

No, I'm not interested

4. If you answered "Yes" or "Maybe" in question 3, how far would you be willing to relocate?

In-state

Within New England

Anywhere

5. References: An adult who can attest to your character, work ethic, and experience (not a relative).

a. _____ (Name of reference) _____ (Phone #)

_____ (Relationship to you?) _____ (email/alternate phone#)

b. _____ (Name of reference) _____ (Phone #)

_____ (Relationship to you?) _____ (email/alternate phone#)



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5. Skills and Accomplishments: List any skills, experiences, and accomplishments. If you have a resume please attach.

6. Letter of Intent: Please write or type a one to two page letter that includes the following information and attach it to your completed application. Please note, if we are unable to read your letter, it will not be considered.

a. Personal introduction: *What would you like the program managers to know about you?*

b. Explain why you are writing the letter: *How did you find out about the Branching Out Program? Why are you interested in this work opportunity? What are your career and/or educational goals?*

c. Conclusion: *Why should you be chosen for the Branching Out Program? How will you benefit from the program and how will the program benefit from your participation?*

7. Letter of Recommendation: Attach a letter of recommendation to your application packet. The letter should be written by someone who can attest to the abilities necessary for the position to which you are applying. The letter should be written by a teacher, guidance counselor or previous employer, not a relative.

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