



Summer Work Opportunity with the National Park Service

The National Park Service is currently accepting applications for the 2013 Branching Out Program.

Branching Out is a summer work experience that provides young people (ages 16 – 24) with an overview of landscape maintenance practices through educational workshops and hands-on field experiences. As participants progress through the program, they gain experience and knowledge of landscape maintenance and management through a diverse range of projects in different National Parks in the Boston area.

Applicants may be eligible for an 8 – 12 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.

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

- Learn about the historical significance of the parks and how to maintain them
- Receive training and certification using power tools ranging from a weed-wacker to a Bobcat
- Gain experience in specialized tree and shrub care, turf management, and formal garden maintenance
- Explore opportunities in pursuing education or employment in the field of landscape management

For applications or more information call Estefany Benitez at 617/331-6208 or email ebenitez010@gmail.com.

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Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation assists parks with landscape preservation projects throughout the country. Clockwise from top: 2012 Branching Out youth; Zach clearing brush from steps on Peddocks Island; Shaquelle setting bricks at Adams 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 9, 2013**.
Applications received after March 9th will not be reviewed.



Susan pruning in the apple orchard in Gettysburg National Military Park.



Asha stone mulching peach trees .



Reflective observations of the trees in the orchards.

2013 Branching Out Program Application

Directions:

Read the following position descriptions and qualifications carefully in order to decide which position is best for you. 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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Positions available in 2013 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. Requirements:

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

b. Skills and Interests: Field team members must have an interest in learning about landscape maintenance practices, being part of a team, and working outdoors.

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. Requirements:

- i. Completed application
- ii. Letter of intent
- iii. Letter of recommendation (not from a relative)
- iv. Interview with park and program staff

b. Skills and Interests: Experience working in the field of landscape maintenance and the intent to pursue landscape management educational and career opportunities.

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Branching Out Application

Due: March 9, 2013

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, 2013 _____



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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, 2013.

2. 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

3. If you answered "Yes" or "Maybe" in question 2, how far would you be willing to relocate?

In-state

Within New England

Anywhere

4. 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.

8. Mail completed application to:

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