

Richmond

National Battlefield Park

National Park Service
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Historical Interpretation and Education Internships

Richmond National Battlefield Park offers internship opportunities for college or graduate students. Intern positions support interpretation operations and educational programs in the park.



Park Information

Richmond National Battlefield Park consists of 13 separate park units in Hanover, Henrico, and Chesterfield counties and city of Richmond, Virginia, including more than 2,000 acres of battlefield land, miles of trails, and three year-round visitor centers. The

park protects sites associated with the 1862 Peninsula Campaign and Seven Days' Battles, the 1864 Overland Campaign, and the 1864 siege of Petersburg and Richmond. It also interprets a portion of the historic Tredegar Iron Works and the Chimborazo Hospital site.

Qualifications

Richmond National Battlefield Park seeks interns with an avid interest in Civil War history, education, and/or historic preservation who have demonstrated communication and customer service skills. Education interns must be dedicated to working with school-aged children. It is

recommended that candidates be actively pursuing careers in historic interpretation and/or education. Personality should include flexibility, a friendly disposition, and the ability to handle the stress of children (for education internships) and busy visitor centers in stride.

Duties and Responsibilities

Interpretation: Duties include running the visitor centers, presenting talks or tours, and making sales in the bookstores. Opportunities exist to do historical research with the park historian and curatorial work with the park curator. Visitor centers include Richmond's Tredegar and Cold Harbor Visitor Centers.

Education: Duties include working with school groups delivering curriculum-based education programs. Opportunities exist for program development with the Education Coordinator. Education position will also work the visitor center desk, greeting and orienting visitors.

Dates of Service Benefits

Spring: January to May
Summer: June to August
Fall: September to Deceember

Internships are part-time, with a minimum of 32 hours per week and a two-month minimum commitment.

Benefits for interns:

- Free housing (if required and available);
- Uniform shirts will be provided;
- Experience working in your field with NPS;
- School credit from your college or university.

Application Procedures

Application deadline:
Spring: 11/02/2012
Summer: 03/01/2013
Fall: 05/30/2013

Application Documents:

1. Cover letter;
2. A detailed resume listing education, work experience, and other interests;
3. Three references;
4. An unofficial transcript.

Mail, fax, or email all materials to:
Intern Coordinator
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