

Rocky Mountain

National Park

National Park Service
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Environmental Education Internship, Winter – Fall 2015

Rocky Mountain National Park has an active education and outreach program focused on non-traditional Park users and school aged children. Interns assist park staff with the development and administration of this program.



Area Information

Rocky Mountain National Park is located 70 miles northwest of Denver and consists of 415 square miles of high mountain scenery carved and sculpted by glaciers. Wildlife includes elk, bighorn sheep, coyotes, mountain lions, marmots, pikas, black bears and a variety of birds. Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous paved road in the U.S. provides access to the alpine tundra while connecting the east and west sides of the park. There are over 355 miles of trails within the park and 95% of the park is managed as wilderness.

Qualifications



Rocky Mountain National Park seeks interns of exceptional ability, who think and act creatively, who have demonstrated communication and problem solving skills, and who are fully computer literate. Candidates must be dedicated to and experienced with learner-centered education with children.

It is recommended that the candidate be actively pursuing a career in environmental education, interpretation, or general education. Personality should include flexibility, a warm disposition, and the ability to handle the stress of children in stride. This is an excellent entry-level opportunity.

Duties and Responsibilities

Duties include preparing and facilitating environmental education activities at schools and in the field, to a variety of diverse audiences. Also assisting with teacher workshops, data collection, and preparing educational materials. Majority of field programs will include leading snowshoe hikes and outdoor ecology-based school programs.

About 60% of work occurs outdoors at elevations of 7,800 to 12,000 ft., often in extreme weather including heat, cold, rain, snow and high winds. Programs are physically active lasting from 2 to 5 hours and moderate hiking is required. Valid driver's license required. About 40 % of work is developing curriculum and media.

Dates of Service and Benefits

January 12 – May 29, 2015*

*Successful performance may be extended until November 13.

Commitment is forty hours/week.
Stipend is \$900/mo. + shared housing.

Application Procedures

- Application documents are:
1. Detailed resume listing education, work experience and other interests.
 2. Three references
 3. A cover letter

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