



Teacher – Ranger – Teacher 2013

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

Teacher-Ranger Liz Simcox, Cherry Creek School District, with students from the CU Science Discovery 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 the park is managed as wilderness.

Qualifications

Rocky Mountain National Park seeks teachers of exceptional ability, who think and act creatively, who have demonstrated communication and problem solving skills, and who are computer literate. Candidates must be dedicated to learner-centered education especially with children. Knowledge of natural sciences preferred.

Candidates should be in-service teachers in schools that have a student population that includes nontraditional national park visitors. Teachers from Title I schools encouraged. Personality should include flexibility, a warm disposition, and the ability to engage children in an outdoor setting. This is an excellent renewal opportunity.

Duties and Responsibilities

Duties include preparing and facilitating environmental education and nature based activities at in the field, to a variety of diverse audiences, including youth groups, schools, and families. In addition, assisting with teacher workshops, record keeping, and preparing educational materials.

About 80% of work occurs outdoors at elevations of 7,800 feet to 12,000 feet in all kinds of weather including rain, snow and high winds. Programs are physically active lasting from 2 to 5 hours. Moderate hiking of up to 6 miles and 2,000 vertical feet is required. Valid driving license required.

Dates of Service Benefits

June 3 – July 26, 2013
Commitment is forty hours/week.

Stipend is \$300/week. + housing.
Uniform is provided.

Who May Apply?

We only recruit in-service teachers from school districts from metro Denver (including Douglas County) and Northern Colorado, who's school is within a day's field trip to the park.

Deadline to apply: February 8, 2013

For Further Information & Application Contact:

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