



Immediate Opening!!

Environmental Education & Outreach Internships
Fall and Spring semesters 2015-2016

Do you love exploring nature? Do you enjoy teaching the youth in your community? Are you looking for a great way to get outdoors with schools and groups in the greater Tucson area?

Saguaro National Park has an amazing opportunity for you!



Duties and Responsibilities



Environmental education interns will assist the park in providing memorable and meaningful learning and recreational experiences, foster development of a personal stewardship ethic, and broaden public support for preserving park resources. Interns will form emotional and intellectual connections among park resources, young people, and the community by leading and assisting in a variety of curriculum-based and non-curriculum-based environmental education programs throughout the park and at schools. Also will aid in the development and implementation of adjustments to existing programs. About 20% of work is contacting

teachers, scheduling events, and developing program material. About 80% of work occurs outdoors, on and off trail, sometimes in rough, steep, rocky terrain with unstable footing, often in temperatures ranging from 25 to 85 degrees with environmental hazards such as venomous creatures, foliage with spines and thorns, and Africanized honey bees. Programs are physically active lasting from 2 to 5 hours. Moderate hiking is required. Majority of field programs will include outdoor resource and ecology-based school and youth programs. Lastly, the interns will develop a training manual and recruitment materials for future interns.

Qualifications

Saguaro National Park seeks interns of exceptional ability, who have demonstrated success working with children outdoors, who have strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work without supervision. Candidates must be dedicated, dependable, creative, self-initiating, and enjoy working as part of a dedicated team. It is preferred that candidates be actively pursuing a career in environmental education, education

or interpretation, or environmental sciences. Personality should include flexibility, a warm disposition, and the ability to handle feedback and energy and excitement of young people in stride.

Valid driver's license and personal transportation is needed as the work stations can be located at either district of the park, 17 miles from campus.

Area Information

Saguaro National Park consists of two districts separated by the city of Tucson, about 30 miles apart. Together, they preserve over 91,000 acres of the Sonoran Desert's plains, mountains, and foothills. The Sonoran Desert far surpasses all other North American deserts in lushness and variety of life, yet is one of the hottest and driest regions on the continent. The adaptations plants and animals have acquired to survive this environment makes for one of the most interesting and unusual ecosystems in the United States. This includes the park's name sake, the saguaro cactus, and other cacti, desert trees and shrubs, and iconic animals such as the gila monster and javelinas.

Dates of Service Benefits

August 24 through December 18, 2015 *

Commitment is 24 hours/week,
Monday-Thursday.
Stipend is \$300/semester + uniform.

Application Procedures

Application documents required:

1. Detailed resume listing education, work experience, other interests
2. Three professional references
3. Single-page cover letter, include name of your academic advisor

Deadline: July 29, 2015

Mail or email completed application to:

Saguaro National Park
2700 N. Kinney Road
Tucson, AZ 85743

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