



Be A National Park Ranger!

Apply for the Summer 2010

Teacher to Ranger to Teacher Program

The Teacher to Ranger to Teacher program provides opportunities for teachers to have exciting, well-rounded work experiences in a National Park. This is the fifth year Tucson schools and the National Park Service have participated in this innovative program. Teachers will work on a variety of different programs and can specialize in one of the following:

- Environmental Education and Interpretation (6 positions)
- Resource Management (1 position)
- Backcountry/Wilderness Management (1 position)
- Trails Youth Corps (1 position)
- Fire Education (1 position)

Environmental Education/Interpretation Teacher-Rangers will assist with Junior Ranger Camps, present interpretive programs and staff the visitor center information desks. They will develop lesson plans based on their experience for use in the classroom.

The Resource Management Teacher Ranger will engage in field work, such as plant and wildlife monitoring, requiring outdoor work in extreme heat and rugged conditions.

The Backcountry Teacher-Ranger will assist with the operation of a backcountry, wilderness campground, conducting routine maintenance and providing visitor services. S/he will lend a hand on projects such as resource monitoring, research, fire management and trail work.

The Trails Youth Corps Teacher/Ranger will assist with trail maintenance and construction, resource conservation and Youth Corps development.

The Fire Education Teacher/Ranger will assist with wildland fire education, prevention and information distribution, both to the general public and to youth group.

The program focuses on teachers from schools that have diverse student populations, who have had no experience with national parks or little opportunity to explore the relevance these areas can have in their lives.

What is this program about?

During the school year Teacher-Rangers bring the parks into the classroom by developing and presenting curriculum-based lesson plans that draw on their summer's experience. In April, during National Park Week,

Teacher-Rangers will wear their NPS uniforms to school, discuss their summer as a park ranger, and engage students and other teachers in activities that relate to America's national parks.

What will I do?

The duties you will perform will depend on which Teacher/Ranger position you select.

Teachers may work on various projects and activities, including conducting Junior Ranger camps; assisting with interpretive hikes; shadowing park biologists in field studies; camping in the backcountry; writing and reviewing curriculum-based environmental education programs; assisting with trail maintenance; presenting programs on wildland fire prevention; participating in outreach efforts, and staffing the visitor center desk.

What is my commitment?

As a park ranger at Saguaro National Park, teachers will commit to 8 weeks of fun, exciting activities. Schedules are flexible, with the possibility of working several days during the school year at park special events. This is worked out with the Teacher-Ranger's NPS supervisor. Teachers are detailed as park rangers to parks through an Inter-governmental Personnel Act (IPA) agreement between their public school district and the National Park Service.

How do I apply?

The program at Saguaro National Park is open to all teachers. Applications will be accepted from December 1, 2009 through January 1, 2010. Selections will be made by early February, 2010.

For more information and to download position descriptions for the various Teacher-to-Ranger-to-Teacher positions and an application, please visit Saguaro National Park's website at

www.nps.gov/sagu/forteachers/professionaldevelopment/teachertorangertoteacher

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