

Teachers in the Park Program

Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area



Become a Teacher in the park this summer and gain some hands-on experience working in a national park! This is an exciting opportunity to learn about the natural and cultural history of the Santa Monica Mountains, share your experiences with your students during National Park Week in April 2016, and help park rangers develop curriculum materials for teachers.

For Summer 2015, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is seeking middle and high school teachers to assist with the following projects:

On-line Teacher Resources (High School Science Teacher)

- Develop pre- and post-visit curriculum lessons which are aligned with Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards

National Park Service Legacy Program (Middle or High School Teacher with Media/Web/Technology background)

- Complete on-line lessons for grades K-12
- Assist with the transfer of lessons to the park's education webpage
- Research and develop short video clips to enhance on-line lessons

All Teacher-Rangers will:

- Spend 6-8 weeks in the park and receive a \$375/40-hour week reimbursement (from June 14- August 15).
- Work weekends
- Report to work at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa in Newbury Park/ Thousand Oaks
- Wear a Teacher-Ranger uniform shirt provided by the park
- Receive natural and cultural history, first aid, and safety training
- Work in the park's interagency visitor center and Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
- Conduct guided hikes and programs for general park visitors and organized community groups

For more information, contact **Barbara Applebaum** at (805) 370-2304 or barbara_applebaum@nps.gov.

For an application form and instructions on how to apply, visit:

www.nps.gov/samo/forteachers/professionaldevelopment.htm

Application Deadline is Tuesday March 31, 2015

**Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
2015 Teacher in the Park Program
Application Form**

Deadline: March 31, 2015

Teacher's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

E- mail: _____

Best time and method to contact you: _____

Grade level and subject(s) you teach: _____

Do you have a valid teaching credential? Yes__ No__

Will you be teaching in the classroom during the 2015-2016 Academic Year? Yes__ No__

Can you commit six to eight weeks of employment starting on June 14, 2015? Yes__ No__

Will you be able to attend training from June 15- 19, 2015? Yes__ No__

Are you willing to conduct presentations about the National Park Service for your school, and in other schools/ districts During National Park Week in (April 2016) or another similar time period? Yes__ No__

Why are you interested in the Teacher in the Park Program and working at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area?

What background, skills, and abilities make you a good candidate for this position?

How would you share information and ideas gained from this experience with your school colleagues?

How would you incorporate what you learn from your park experience into your classroom lesson plans?

Applications must be received by **Tuesday March 31, 2015**. Please include the following with your application form:

- Letter of support from your principal or assistant principal.
- Letter of support from two (2) colleagues.
- Names and telephone numbers of three (3) references.

Send completed application form, support letters, and references to:

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
Attn: Barbara Applebaum, Supervisory Park Rangers
401 W. Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

I verify that the information provided is correct.

Applicant Signature

Date