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Job Fair for Positions at or located in Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA -Can you think of a better way to experience the beauty of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks than by spending a summer living and working in the Sierra Nevada mountain range? There are many types of job opportunities in our national parks, and an upcoming job fair in Visalia will bring them together in one place. The Sequoia Natural History Association, the National Park Service's primary non-profit education partner for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, will host the Sequoia Job Fair at the Visalia Convention Center at 303 East Acequia Avenue in Visalia, CA, on January 20, 2011, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. At the event, applicants may speak with representatives from the National Park Service, the Sequoia Natural History Association, and Delaware North Parks and Resorts. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Kaweah will also be on hand to seek potential applicants for student jobs.

Summer jobs include various positions, e.g., park ranger, interpretation and education staff, maintenance, cave tour guides, and staff for the hotels, lodging, and retail operations. The Sequoia Natural History Association recommends that interested applicants visit www.sequoiahistory.org for more information, as well as to download and complete its employment application in advance instead of calling for more information. By February 15, additional information will be posted on the website, including a link to Delaware North's job application form. In general, people interested in government jobs should visit www.usajobs.gov for

information about available positions and employment procedures. For information about specific hiring procedures for students and summer employment, visit www.nps.gov/seki/parkmgmt/studentemp.htm.

If you cannot make it to the event, Tilchen suggests downloading the association's and Delaware North's applications from the website and mailing them back. Jobs can fill quickly as summer approaches. For the "best shot" at a position, interested individuals should apply as soon as possible. "Although some jobs have specific requirements and skills," said Tilchen, "there are others that require minimal experience. Often what we want most is enthusiastic people who love national parks, nature, and history."

The Sequoia Natural History Association (SNHA) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to supporting education, interpretation, research, and the natural and historic preservation of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Devils Postpile National Monument, and Lake Kaweah. The association is committed to enriching the experiences of visitors and promoting public awareness of the significance of national parks through educational programs, publications, and financial support.

The National Park Service is a federal agency that preserves the natural and cultural resources and related values of the National Park System while providing for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of current and future generations. To do this, the National Park Service cooperates with various partner groups.

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