

Shenandoah National Park

Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program



Description

Shenandoah National Park is seeking applicants for the 2013 Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) program. The selected TRT will assist park staff with developing a new school outreach program on National Parks targeting elementary grades and will help to update existing park education programs with correlations to the Common Core State Standards. The TRT will have opportunities to learn other park programs such as Junior Ranger and youth programs, interpretive talks and presentations, and visitor information and orientation services.

Applicants should have public speaking experience, skill in writing effective, inquiry-based classroom lesson plans, and knowledge of the Common Core State Standards. The selected teacher must be able to commit to working in Shenandoah National Park for a minimum of 160 hours over 8-10 weeks between June and August and to sharing the TRT experience with students, faculty, staff, and parents during the following school year. Projected dates of TRT position: June 10 – August 24, 2013.

Requirements and How to Apply

The TRT will be required to complete an agency background check, attend a TRT program webinar, and develop at least one lesson plan to use with their students. The TRT will receive a \$3000 stipend upon successful completion of the program. Shared housing in the park is available.

Interested teachers should download and complete the TRT **application form** posted on the Shenandoah National Park web page at: <http://www.nps.gov/shen/forteachers/teacher-ranger-teacher.htm>
Mail or email the completed application by **March 22, 2013** to:

Shenandoah National Park
Attn: Tim Taglauer
3655 US Hwy 211 East
Luray, VA 22835

Email: tim_taglauer@nps.gov
Phone: 540-999-3500, ext.3488

TRT Program

The TRT program provides an extended professional development opportunity for teachers to learn about the resources and educational materials available through the National Park Service. Teachers spend the summer working with park staff on education projects, learning about park resources and visitor services, and developing lesson plans to use in their classrooms. The program is administered through a cooperative agreement with the University of Colorado, Denver. Professional development and graduate credit hours are available through the university.