



National Park Service
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Sleeping Bear Dunes
National Lakeshore

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Sleeping Bear Dunes 2009 Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Application

Send completed application and supporting papers to:

Lisa Myers
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services
9922 Front Street
Empire, MI 49630

Teacher's Name:

Home Address:

Home Phone Number:

School:

School Address:

School Phone Number:

Email (Most frequently used):

How best to contact you and what time:

Grade level and courses taught this year, and what you will teach in the coming year:

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1. Can you commit to eight weeks of employment between June and August (start/end dates flexible within this time frame, short leave requests can be considered during this time)? What time frame is best for you?
 2. Park housing is available with one or two roommates, or you may commute from home. What is your preference for living accommodations? Do you have any special needs?
 3. What kinds of activities would be of interest to your students and how would you incorporate them into your classroom?
 4. Are you willing to attend an additional meeting in September to share your experience, talk about improvements for the program, and share activities? Yes No
 5. Are you willing to wear the National Park Service (NPS) uniform to school during National Park Week (or another similar time period) and do presentations about the NPS for your school and/or in other district schools? Yes No

6. A) Why are you interested in this position and working in a national park?

B) What would you like to accomplish as a TRT in the park this summer?

C) What do you think a National Park Ranger does in his or her job?

7. How will you share information and ideas gained from this experience with your GRPS colleagues?

Please also submit:

- Principal approval page (attached)
- Names and telephone numbers of three (3) references
- A letter of support from a colleague

In applying for this position, I verify all the information I have supplied is correct.

Teacher's Signature

Date

Approval of School Principal

I support _____ (name of teacher) in participating in the Teacher-Ranger- Teacher Program. I understand there is an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Grand Rapids Public Schools and the National Park Service. This agreement supports teachers working in National Parks during the summer as park rangers, while developing activities that support the curricula of this school. I will allow this teacher to implement these activities in the classroom with my review and approval.

I agree to allow this teacher to participate in National Park Week activities in April 2010. During that week, this teacher is allowed to wear the National Park Service uniform and give presentations about his/her summer experience at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore to the student body of this school. With the support of GRPS supplying a substitute teacher for one day, this teacher is also allowed to visit one or two other schools during National Park Week and offer presentations.

Principal (print name)

School

Principal (signature)

Date