



## The Teacher Ranger Teacher Program:

### About the Program:

The Teacher Ranger Teacher (TRT) program is a professional development opportunity for selected teachers to spend the summer learning and working in our nation's largest classrooms – the national parks. Teachers are matched up with opportunities that will enhance their subject matter expertise in the classroom. National Park Service units, ranging from the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site to Channel Islands National Park, provide a chance for teachers to truly *experience* science, history, and the diversity of American stories.

As TRTs, teachers will work on a variety of projects and duties, such as preparing curriculum materials for parks and presenting interpretive programs for the general public. After their summer experience, TRTs bring their knowledge of park resources back to their classrooms and serve as a lifelong bridge between the National Park Service and their district, school, colleagues, and students.

### Additional information:

The TRT experience requires 230 hours of effort (roughly 4-6 weeks), and takes place between the months of June and August, although exact dates are negotiable.

Each TRT will receive a \$3,000 stipend at the end of the summer, and can receive course credit through a graduate seminar offered by the University of Colorado Denver.

# Position Description

**Position:** Teacher Ranger Teacher

**Location:** National Park Service WASO offices, located at 1201 Eye St NW and 1849 C St NW in Washington, D.C.

## Description of duties

TRTs will work closely with staff in the Washington office of the National Park Service to accomplish the following:

- Complete an online graduate course with the University of Denver Colorado.
- Review and edit lesson plans created by parks.
- Advise on education outreach strategies to school districts, teachers, and students.
- Participate in a mid-term and end-of-season evaluation to discuss successes of and improvements for the TRT program
- Perform other duties as assigned.

## Application Form

### Instructions:

Please type your answers in the fields below. Please also submit a sample lesson plan and the names and phone numbers of **two (2) references**. Applications are due by April 30, 2014.

You may submit your application via e-mail to the following:

Linda Rosenblum: linda\_rosenblum@nps.gov

Theodora Chang: theodora\_chang@nps.gov

Applicant's name:	
Home Address:	Home Phone and/or Cell Phone:
School Name:	School District:
School Address:	School Phone:
E-mail Address:	Grade level and subjects taught (past 3 years):

1. Do you teach at a Title I school? If yes, what percentage of students at your school qualify for Free and Reduced-Price Lunches?
2. Can you commit to approximately 4-6 weeks of work during the summer season, June-August? **Please circle YES NO**
3. Describe your most effective unit or lesson plan that actively engaged students in learning. Why was it successful?
4. Why do you want to be a Teacher Ranger Teacher?

5. Describe your experience with parks – local parks, state parks, and/or national parks.
6. How will you use your TRT experience to enrich your classroom teaching and curriculum development?
7. How will you share information and ideas gained from this experience with colleagues in your school and district?

# References Form

Reference 1:

Name:	Phone Number:
Relationship to Applicant:	

Reference 2:

Name:	Phone Number:
Relationship to Applicant:	