



Park Ranger Internship Opportunity

During the 2009 summer season, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River will have five Park Ranger Internship opportunities available. The park includes 73 miles of a clear, free-flowing river, remnants of the D&H Canal, and the home of western novelist Zane Grey. The Upper Delaware River forms the border between New York and Pennsylvania, stretching from Hancock, NY in the north, to near Port Jervis, NY in the south. A very active timber industry once utilized the swift waters of the river. Today, canoeists and rafters join fishermen and other outdoor recreationists in enjoying the clean and nearly pristine waters.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Park Ranger Internship position is located in the Division of Interpretation. Duties include: staffing river access sites; presenting river safety talks and providing area information to river users; performing river patrols; and developing and presenting other educational programs on the geology, hydrology, ecosystems, natural history, and cultural history of the river valley. Programs will be presented to park visitors, local community groups, and summer youth camps.



Qualifications

Training



Applicants need to be currently enrolled in a college or university working towards an undergraduate or graduate degree. Majors can include but are not limited to History, Education, Environmental Sciences, Parks and Recreation, Social Sciences, or Biology. We are looking for outgoing students who enjoy working and talking with adults and children. Experience working in an environmental setting and presenting education programs is helpful but not required.

All interns will be provided with two weeks of training which includes an orientation to the National Park Service, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, interpretive and education program development, First Aid, CPR and canoe and white water rescue training. On the job training is provided by experienced interpretive staff members prior to the interns being placed in the field on their own.



Work Schedule/ Transportation

The Internship positions will run from May 11, 2009 through September 7, 2009.

Dates are flexible to accommodate school schedules. The park anticipates filling five internship positions for the 2009 summer season.

Interns work a 40-hour workweek including weekends and holidays. A daily stipend of \$15.00 is given for each day worked.

A personal vehicle is required. The assigned fixed duty stations are spread out over 30 miles up and down the Upper Delaware River Valley. Interns will be reimbursed for mileage from their residence to their duty station. The intern is responsible for travel to and from school/residence and the park.

Uniforms

This is a uniformed position and the uniform is provided. The intern uniform consists of khaki pants, a blue polo shirt, and a blue ball cap. As some mornings can be cold and some positions and duties require park staff to work outdoors, outerwear is also provided.



Housing



Housing is provided and is shared by other intern staff. The house is furnished with basic necessities. Bed linens, pillows, blankets, and towels will need to be brought with you. All utilities are provided. Television reception is not available in the area but cable television is available at minimal cost. There is no cell phone service in the river corridor, however, there is a phone available in the intern housing for in-coming calls.

Application Procedure

For those interested in the Park Ranger Internship send a resume and two letters of recommendation to the Internship Coordinator. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Early applicants will be given first consideration.

Internship Coordinator
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For more information about the Internship Program, contact Internship Coordinator Ingrid Peterec at (570) 685-4871, email: ingrid_peterec@nps.gov.

To learn more about Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River check out the park web page at:

www.nps.gov/upde

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