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White Sands National Monument Youth Internship Program Summer 2011

Imagine working as a park ranger for the summer and gaining excellent career building skills such as public speaking, customer service, and basic graphic design skills. Stop dreaming and apply to the White Sands National Monument Youth Internship Program for an exciting summer employment opportunity.

Major Duties

Interpretive Park Ranger serves as an active member of the park's interpretive team and...

- *Plans, researches and presents original interpretive programs to the general public and special audiences, based on park interpretive themes and accepted interpretive theory and techniques.
- *Maintains a comprehensive knowledge of park resources and history, and uses various audio-visual equipment and interpretive techniques.
- *Performs roving interpretation.
- *Uses graphic design software to develop simple interpretive media such as program announcements and interpretive posters.
- *Staffs information desk and answers visitor questions, provides basic orientation to park facilities and resources.
- *Provides information about area and regional attractions and explains park regulations and policies.
- *Provides safety information so that visitors may utilize park facilities safely.
- *Sells books and other bookstore items.

Basic Qualifications and Skills

- *Must be a US citizen.
- *Must be a student enrolled at least half time at an accredited university and will be enrolled in school at least half time in the fall.
- *Public speaking skills and comfortable presenting programs in front of large numbers of people.
- *Ability to deal with large number of people in a friendly and professional manner.
- *Ability to handle occasional emergency situations.
- *Physical ability to stand for long periods of time, walking for distances up to six miles daily, climbing and descending steep inclines, bending, and lifting moderately heavy items.
- *Comfortable working in a variety of environmental conditions — both indoors and outdoors.

Desired Skills

- *Enjoy working with people of all ages and cultures.
- *Outgoing personality.
- *Excellent customer service skills.
- *Team player.
- *Flexible.
- *Ability to communicate in both English and Spanish.

Work Schedule

Start June 6 and end in mid-August when student returns to school. Nights, weekend, and holiday shifts are required. Work week is five days a week for eight hours a day.

Benefits

- *Hourly pay between \$13.41 and \$15.00.
 - *Four hours of sick leave and annual leave per pay period.
 - *Bi-monthly pay checks.
 - *Park housing may be available for rent.
 - *Week-long interpretive training.
 - *CPR and first aid training.
 - *Learn career building skills.
 - *Learn about the National Park Service.
 - *Opportunities to work with a variety of divisions in the park to gain an understanding of the many exciting career fields available for college graduates in the National Park Service.
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How to Apply & Key Deadlines

- *Email your resume and cover letter that states why you are interested in the White Sands National Monument Youth Internship Program to rebecca_wiles@nps.gov by March 16, 2011. Write "White Sands National Monument Youth Internship Program application" in the subject line.
 - *If you have any questions about the internship, call Becky at 575-679-2599 ext. 230 or email her at rebecca_wiles@nps.gov.
 - ***All applications must be received by 4 pm on Wednesday, March 16th.**
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Area information

White Sands National Monument, dedicated to preserving the world's largest gypsum dune field while providing recreational and scenic enjoyment for the public, is located 15 miles west of Alamogordo, New Mexico, just in between Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range. Summer temperatures regularly exceed 100 degrees, while winter months tend to be mild with nighttime temperatures frequently dipping below freezing. Precipitation averages eight inches per year. Alamogordo (population 35,000) is nestled at the foot of the Sacramento Mountains and is 15 miles from the cool pines of the Lincoln National Forest.

Alamogordo is situated at the crossroads of U.S. Highways 54, 70, and 82, which lead east into the mountains and the quaint village of Cloudcroft, New Mexico, south to the international border city of El Paso, Texas, west to the university city of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and north into the heart of the Land of Enchantment. Local attractions range from recreational opportunities and cultural events to areas of historical significance and educational possibilities. The area is host to museums, observatories, state and nationally managed parks and recreation sites, theaters for the performing arts, institutions of higher learning, and an abundance of year-round community events and activities. For more information please visit our website: <http://www.nps.gov/whsa>.