



NPS Academy

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Internship Announcement

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NPS Academy Internships – 6 Positions

Please Respond By **April 12, 2019**

The Northwest Youth Corps (NYC), in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS), is advertising for six internship positions at the First Annual Mount Rainier NPS Academy. This is a 13 week full-time work experience from approximately mid-June 2019 to mid-September 2019. Created in 1984, and modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's, NYC is a non-profit job training and experiential education program for youth and young adults to learn and work in the field of natural resource management. www.nwyouthcorps.org

NPS Academy Background:

The NPS Academy aims to connect young people from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds to an immersive introduction to the National Park Service and its career paths that would lead to a desire to join the NPS workforce.

In 2011, Grand Teton National Park hosted the first NPS Academy Spring Orientation. 29 students from colleges and universities across the country attended the weeklong program, and 22 of those students were then placed in summer internships in units within 5 regions. Since that time, Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Alaska Region have successfully implemented the NPS Academy model. Now, in 2019, Mount Rainier National Park and Northwest Youth Corps are excited to bring this program to the Pacific Northwest, hosting 6 interns for the first ever NPS Academy at Mount Rainier!

Aquatic Ecology Internship

Introduction:

Mount Rainier is home to an amazing diversity of aquatic plants and animals including endangered bull trout. Spend your summer exploring and collecting data on some of the most incredible wetlands, rivers and lakes in the region as an aquatic ecology intern. You'll have an amazing summer participating in field science as you learn new skills from experienced professionals.

Major Duties:

You will spend the majority of your time (80%) working in the field collecting data on a variety of aquatic projects including mountain lakes surveys to study water quality and amphibian species, stream temperature along park rivers and streams, and Bull Trout pit tagging surveys to inventory this threatened species. You will also be responsible for entering data into Microsoft Excel and Access spreadsheets (10%). You will work on career development and explore park careers through job shadowing for the remainder of your time (10%).

Interpretation Internship

Introduction:

If helping others and spending time in beautiful places sounds enticing, join our team at Mount Rainier as an interpretation intern for the summer! Your home base will be the Ohanapecosh Area. This part of the park features an incredible campground, beautiful river and impressive old growth forest. You will be a member of a team of six rangers who help support each other and meet visitor needs to make Mount Rainier a friendly, welcoming place for a diverse population of visitors.

Major Duties:

Your role will be to help visitors make the most of their trip to Mount Rainier and connect to the park in meaningful ways. Your time will be split between working at an information desk answering visitor questions about the park (40%), walking area trails to help orient visitors (20%), and developing and presenting programs on local ecology, geology or human stories (30%). The remainder of your time (10%) will be spent on career development and job shadowing to explore park careers.

Junior Ranger Internship

Introduction:

Help inspire the next generation of park stewards as a Junior Ranger intern this summer leading fun, play-based educational activities and programs at Paradise and Cougar Rock Campground at Mount Rainier. You will be a member of the park's education team, a tight-knit group of park rangers committed to helping kids connect to Mount Rainier. The education program works out of Tahoma Woods on the West side of Mount Rainier close to the Longmire Historic District and Paradise, home of the park's most famous wildflower meadows and endless recreation opportunities.

Major Duties:

Your goal will be to engage young visitors and their families in hands-on activities, games, crafts, and more to help them learn about and connect to park resources. Throughout the summer you will staff the Junior Ranger station at Paradise where families participate in fun, active programs and informal activities (40%). Develop and present 30-minute Junior Ranger programs at Cougar Rock Campground (20%). You will attend community events for park outreach and present education programs for summer camps and other organizations (30%). The rest of your time will be spent on career development opportunities and job shadowing to explore park careers (10%).

Historic Building Preservation Internship

Introduction:

If restoring and preserving historic buildings sounds appealing, we would love to have you on our historic structures crew at Mount Rainier this summer. Spend three months learning new skills from experienced preservation specialists working on carpentry, masonry and painting projects throughout the park.

Major Duties:

Your role will be to assist in preserving historic front country and back country cabins, comfort stations, visitor centers and more. Your time will be split evenly between the carpentry, masonry and painting crews (30% for each). The remaining 10% of your time will be spent in training and participating in professional development opportunities.

Visitor Services Internship

Introduction:

If helping others and spending time in beautiful places sounds enticing, join our team at Mount Rainier as a Visitor Services intern for the summer! You will work alongside Park staff who help support each other and meet visitor needs to make Mount Rainier a friendly, safe, and welcoming place for a diverse population of visitors. You will have an exciting summer both providing services directly to visitors, as well as assisting with resource restoration projects.

Major Duties:

Your main role will be to provide orientation and resource protection information to visitors (60%). You will also be a valuable member of search and rescue teams and participate in evacuation, incident and emergency medical trainings to hone your skills (10%). You will provide assistance on trail maintenance projects and other resource restoration projects (20%) and have time for career development and job shadowing to explore park careers (10%).

Wastewater Internship

Introduction:

Keeping a national park running is no easy task and Mount Rainier is not an exception. Spend your summer working and learning alongside maintenance professionals in the Water and Wastewater program. These critical park employees make sure visitors and employees have their basic needs met while in the park, and ensure the health of the environment in the process.

Major Duties:

You will work with water/wastewater professionals to collect and test drinking water samples (40% of your time), ensure drinking water systems are functioning (20%), help keep the park's wastewater treatment facilities running smoothly (30%), and shadow other park programs (10%). This work directly benefits the humans in the park, but is also critical for ensuring the health of aquatic ecosystems in rivers, marshes and lakes throughout the park.

Internship Details (applies to all internship positions)

Requirements:

- A valid state driver's license and ability to pass a background investigation.
- Willingness to work inside and outside in a variety of weather conditions. Weather in the park can be cold and rainy, but is generally hot and clear during the summer. In late July and August, smoke from forest fires in the region can create poor air quality in the park on some days.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time and hike over mountainous terrain up to five miles.
- Willingness to work some nights and weekends.

Terms of Service:

One intern will complete a term of service from June 24th-September 20th. The intern should anticipate 40-hour workweeks, with the potential for some night and weekend work.

Program Benefits:

\$4,680 living allowance, pro-rated across the term of service. The intern will also be provided \$200 to assist with the cost of relocation and/or applicable trainings. Park housing will be provided, but the member is responsible for food costs during the summer.

Training:

- Training includes continuous on-the-job training and mentorship from NPS staff, as well as a one week orientation during the first week of the term of service
- Training opportunities, job shadowing, etc. with other work groups can be arranged based on intern interest and availability of park staff.

To Apply

Application Deadline: April 12, 2019

Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.

Type of position: Internship

Service Dates June 24-September 20

Length of Term: 13 Weeks

How to apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references in attention to:

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Please specify which internship position(s) you are applying for within your cover letter when applying (i.e. “Junior Ranger Internship”).