

Mount Rainier National Park – Womxn’s Mountaineering Ranger Fellowship

March 28, 2022 – September 28, 2022 (26 Week Term)



About Northwest Youth Corps (NYC):

[Northwest Youth Corps](#) was created in 1984 to offer teenagers an education-based, work experience modeled after the historic Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's. Today, we serve over 1,000 youth and young adults each year across a four state region who restore critical habitat, build trails, lead volunteers, educate youth, and respond to local and national disasters.

National Park Service – Mount Rainier National Park:

Mount Rainier National Park is located in Washington State and is one of the National Park System’s crown jewel parks. Its diversity of terrain and imposing nature create dramatic landscapes and visitor experiences. Mount Rainier stands at 14,411’ and is home to most of the glacier volume in the lower 48 states with over 34 square miles of ice and provides for some of the best alpine glacier climbing in the world.

The primary mission of the Mount Rainier Climbing Program is to “Prepare for and conduct a broad range of emergency service activities in an alpine mountaineering environment.” The most important components derived from this mission statement are its activities in mountaineering.

Mountaineering includes climbing, skiing, and avalanche skills. Mountaineering rangers are required to enter on duty with a substantial amount of formalized training in mountaineering and/or professional experience in the field. The incumbent must be an expert backcountry skier or snowboarder.

The words “Prepare for” in this mission statement were purposefully selected to highlight the importance of training from both the perspective of learning new skills and abilities to practicing the skills one has already acquired as a routine part of the job. Once we have selected qualified mountaineers, we subsequently prioritize emergency service skills that are relevant to the incidents they see while in the field or on assignments which include technical rope rescue, emergency medical, snow avalanche, helicopter rescue, and wildland fire skills.

The purpose of this position is for the incumbent to gain professional mountaineering experience working as a mountaineer for the National Park Service and to provide a pathway for the incumbent to develop skills and qualifications that help meet the screenouts for a paid position within the program.

Position Summary:

The incumbent works alongside mountaineering rangers to perform climbing patrols of Mount Rainier and other peaks within the park, staff high camps and ranger stations, respond to emergency incidents, issue permits to climbers, monitor commercial service operations and wilderness character. The incumbent gains valuable agency helicopter experience by attending helicopter crewmember training as well as search and rescue, high angle rope rescue, and emergency medical training. The incumbent also attends supervised mountaineering training in ski, rock, and alpine climbing disciplines. The incumbent may also attend training to become a wildland firefighter.

Most duties are performed within Mount Rainier National Park, but training venues may include destinations throughout Washington State. The work schedule is generally eight days on and six days off, but may vary according to program and park priorities. Work is subject to in-park travel and as many as seven nights/eight days in a row camping in the park backcountry. The physical demands of this position are extreme. The incumbent must have strong backcountry skills, outstanding physical condition having demonstrated the ability to ascend at least 5000' in under four hours in winter-like conditions with a 30 lb backpack.

The work environment is subject to cold winter-like weather, even in the summer. Extra hours on incident lasting into the night are possible and are paid as Emergency Worker (AD) for the National Park Service at a flat rate depending on the duties performed. Major supervisory oversight is provided by the Climbing Program Manager at Mount Rainier, but daily supervision and mentoring are provided through lead climbing rangers.

Program Benefits:

- \$17,550 living allowance dispersed on a monthly bases (\$675/week) Housing is provided. Health Insurance and workers compensation are included.

Position Requirements:

- Incumbent must have successfully completed at least one curriculum course (Ski, Alpine, or Rock) from the American Mountain Guides Association.
- Incumbent must be a Wilderness First Responder
- Experience as a guide or instructor in mountaineering techniques is highly desirable.

Minimum Qualifications:

Application Instructions Below

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until **March 1, 2022**

Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received. Early applications are encouraged.

Type of position: Individual Placement

Service Dates: March 28 – September 28

Length of Term: 26 Weeks

How to apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references and completely fill out the application form found at <https://nwyouthcorps.workbrightats.com/jobs/>

Within your cover letter, please expand on your experience in mountaineering. Please identify what you hope to gain from this experience.

Additional Information:

If you have questions about the position, please reach Northwest Youth Corps Internship Program Officer, Liv Kelley, at livk@nwyouthcorps.org or Mount Rainer National Park Climbing Program Manager Stefan Lofgren, at stefan_lofgren@nps.gov