



# NPS Academy

Mount Rainier National Park



## Internship Announcement

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**NPS Academy Internships – 4 Positions**

Please Respond By **April 24, 2020**

The Northwest Youth Corps (NYC), in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS), is advertising for four internship positions at the Second 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](http://www.nwyouthcorps.org)

### **NPS Academy Background:**

Started in 2011, the NPS Academy is an internship program for young people from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds or marginalized communities that provides an immersive introduction to the National Park Service and its many career paths. NPS Academy interns will have the opportunity to work directly alongside National Park Service staff on a variety of projects, develop valuable connections to park staff and fellow interns, and learn what it takes to live and work in a National Park for a summer.

As a member of the NPS Academy, you will spend your first week in the park learning about the many different jobs in a National Park, exploring themes of diversity, equity, and inclusion on Public Lands, and growing connections with your fellow interns and park staff. Then you will head off to work on assigned tasks for the next 12 weeks, living in National Park housing and working alongside Park staff. Specific internship openings for 2020 are listed below.

## **Social Media Internship**

### **Introduction:**

Share Mount Rainier National Park with the world as a Digital Media Intern this summer. Gain experience in digital media such as social media, photography, video production, web, and digital storytelling and use those skills to communicate about national parks to a world-wide audience. You will be a member of the park's Interpretive Media Team, which manages everything from exhibits to social media. While based in the Longmire Historic District, the media team works in every corner of the park to share the stories of the park, its employees, and its visitors.

### **Major Duties:**

Your goal will be to share the work of park employees, volunteers, and visitors, as well as your own experiences. Throughout the summer you will shadow a wide range of park programs and work groups, including going into the field, to learn about their work and communicate it through the park's social media accounts (60%). You will use photography in social media and contribute to the park's photo collection, and receive training in basic videography methods (30%). The rest of your time will be spent on career development opportunities and participating in various interpretive media team projects as needed (10%).

### **Requirements:**

- Ability to stand for long periods of time and hike over mountainous terrain.
- Must be comfortable interacting with a variety of people.

## **Trails Maintenance Internship**

### **Introduction:**

Each summer, Rainier welcomes dozens of Youth Corps crew members from the surrounding communities. Crews work alongside seasoned park staff to maintain over 250 miles of scenic trails. Spend your summer working with trail crews throughout the park to maintain a variety of historic trails.

### **Major Duties:**

You will spend the majority of your time (80%) will be spent working in the field supporting trail crew and youth crew projects with work throughout the park including the Historic Wonderland Trail (10%). You will work on career development and explore park careers through job shadowing and trainings for the remainder of your time (10%).

### **Requirements:**

Ability to stand for long periods of time and hike over mountainous terrain up to eight miles.

## **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%).

### **Requirements:**

- Ability to stand for long periods of time and hike over mountainous terrain up to eight miles.

## **Environmental Education 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 the Longmire Historic District and Paradise, home of the park's most famous wildflower meadows and endless recreation opportunities during the summer.

### **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%).

### **Requirements:**

- Ability to stand for long periods of time and hike over mountainous terrain up to three miles.

## **Internship Details (applies to all internship positions)**

### **Requirements:**

- Applicant must be at least 19 years old
- 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.
- Willingness to work some nights and weekends.

### **Terms of Service:**

One intern will complete a 13 week term of service from June 15<sup>th</sup>-September 11<sup>th</sup>. The intern should anticipate 40-hour workweeks, with the potential for some night and weekend work.

### **Program Benefits:**

\$5,200 living allowance, pro-rated across the term of service. The intern will also be provided reimbursement 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.

## **Application Instructions**

**Application Deadline:** April 24, 2020

**Interviews:** Will occur as qualified applications are received

**How to apply:** Please complete the application found at <http://bit.ly/NPSAcademy>. When applying, please upload a resume and contact information for at least 3 references. Additionally, either provide a cover letter that addresses the following two questions **or** enter responses for the two supplemental questions listed on the application form:

- Why do you think it is important for the National Park Service to create a space that fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion on Public Lands?
- Why are you personally interested in joining a program that is focused on exploring issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion in National Parks?

People from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds or marginalized communities are strongly encouraged to apply.