



Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Volunteer Interpretive Intern Position Description Summer 2021 Bruneau Dunes State Park

The Mission of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is to improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship.

Outline of duties for a volunteer interpretive internship working at Bruneau Dunes State Park May through October 2021. Bruneau Dunes is located along the Snake River approximately 60 miles from Boise Idaho and 20 miles outside of Mountain Home Idaho. There is easy access to rivers, lakes numerous ATV and hiking trails and several nearby mountain ranges. The park is in an arid desert environment and rich with various plant and animal species and breathtaking vistas.

The volunteer interpretive intern will provide general assistance with the Experience/Education program through participating in interpretive training, designing and leading interpretive programs in the park, helping to coordinate supplies needed for park Junior Ranger programs, and general assistance with the Experience/Education program as needed. Requires a minimum of twenty hours per week, maximum forty hours per week. This position will also assist at the Bruneau Dunes Observatory which provides programs to the public Friday and Saturday evenings throughout the summer. Interpretive Internships work well for college students interested in learning more about the field of interpretation in parks. The internship experience can often be used for college credit. Interns receive training in interpretive skills as well as onsite coaching on working in a state park. An interest or experience in natural or cultural interpretation or environmental education would be helpful, but is not required. Applicants should have a strong interest in resource preservation and management, an ability to communicate ideas effectively, and enthusiasm for sharing knowledge with others. The relevant work experience can bolster the intern's resume and make them more competitive for future positions.

Free campsite or other housing may be available at the park.

Examples of specific duties include:

- Attend Interpretive Training online or at Harriman State Park (date/time TBD). Lodging and food provided during training.
- Lead interpretive programs at Bruneau Dunes State Park. This may include Junior Ranger programs for youth, family nature or history programs, guided walks, Observatory programs, and other types of programs as appropriate for the park setting.
- Assist with park special events as needed.
- Help administer the Junior Ranger program and track supplies.
- General assistance with administration of Experience/Education program.
- Clean and maintain facilities used for interpretation.
- Assist park staff where needed due to employee absences or shortages.
- Be a good steward of park property.
- Need to be able to work various shifts and all week-ends.
- Need to pass interview with park staff.

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