



Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Volunteer Interpretive Intern Position Description Summer 2021 Land of the Yankee Fork 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 Land of the Yankee Fork State Park May through August 2021. The Park is located at Challis, Idaho and features beautiful rivers and scenic views in the central mountains, a variety of recreational opportunities such as hiking, fishing, and exploring old mining sites, and offers the state's best ATV trails throughout the Land of the Yankee Fork Historic Area. The volunteer interpretive intern will provide general assistance with the Experience/Education program through participating in interpretive training, 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 ten hours per week, maximum forty hours per week.

Free campsite or other housing is available at the park. 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.

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 Land of the Yankee Fork State Park. This may include Junior Ranger programs for youth, family nature or history programs, guided walks, campfire 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.

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