



## Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Volunteer Interpretive Intern Position Description Summer 2021 Ponderosa 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 Ponderosa State Park May through August 2021. Ponderosa State Park is located at McCall, Idaho and features beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest on a peninsula and inlet into Payette Lake a variety of recreational opportunities such as camping, hiking, biking, kayaking, canoeing, and beach going, and offers access to boating and fishing on and around Payette Lake.

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 twenty hours per week, maximum forty hours per week. Free campsite or other housing may be 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 (dates TBD) at Harriman State Park. Lodging and food provided during training.
- Lead some interpretive programs at Ponderosa 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.
- 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.

To apply, contact:

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