



Idaho Department Parks & Recreation Interpretive Internship Program

HELLS GATE STATE PARK

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OVERVIEW

This position is an Interpretive Internship Program for students interested in becoming a park ranger or interpretive guide. The intern will work a 5-day, 40-hour work week, including weekends and holidays. The intern will work with park rangers to develop and present weekly interpretive/educational programs at Hells Gate State Park. They will be expected to work with visitor services staff in the Lewis & Clark Discovery Center, Jack O'Connor Hunting Heritage & Education Center, and throughout Hells Gate State Park. This position will also provide opportunities to practice roving interpretation in a state park setting.

The intern will report to and work with an assigned park ranger to develop and deliver interpretive programs within the park and interact with visitors through planned activities, self-interpretation programs, etc. Each activity will be evaluated based on the park's needs, how the audience receives the activity, and attendance.

Responsibilities While Working with a Park Ranger;

General Park Duties (25%)

- Assisting with operations of the visitor center, such as greeting visitors, determining the needs of the visitors, and properly assisting them.
- Assisting with operations of the Jack O'Connor Hunting Heritage & Education Center.
- Participating in the park's ongoing natural resource monitoring efforts for interpretive purposes.

Interpretive Duties (75%)

- Create and prepare interpretative weekly educational activities.
- Develop new and/or maintain or update existing interpretive activities, handouts, signage, and displays based on educational needs around the park.
- Performing hands-on tasks based on the park's interpretive needs, including groundskeeping and maintenance work to prepare for the interpretation event.

- Performing informal interpretation/education for Lewis & Clark Discovery Center visitors.
- Creating and promoting such interpretive programs using social media and in-person promotion.
- Delivering interpretive programs in the park weekly and more if desired.
- Evaluating previous interpretive activities.
- Proper documentation of the interpretive activity for future use and park records.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Applicants must be actively pursuing a college degree in a natural resource-related field, including parks and recreation, communications, education, interpretation, biology, natural resources, or wildlife management.
- Good customer service skills.
- Preferred: knowledge or experience with education in a small or large group, teaching or public speaking.
- Must be able to lift weights 40 pounds or more and perform activities that include bending, stooping, climbing, or other outdoor activities.
- Requires having or obtaining a valid driver's license.

Length of Job:

Full Time (32-40 hours/week)

Total season hours: 10-14 weeks (minimum of 400 hours)

Salary Range: \$15.00/Hour

Housing:

Housing is not available. Candidates must live within commuting distance of Hells Gate State Park.

To Apply:

Send your resume, cover letter, and references to hel@idpr.idaho.gov.

Closing Date:

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The first round of application reviews and interviews are expected to be held in March 2024. Orientation & and job training are expected to start in mid-May 2024 or as school schedules allow.