



## 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 or individuals 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 provide interpretive opportunities to practice roving interpretation in the real world.

The intern will report and work with an assigned park ranger on developing and delivering interpretive programs within the park and performing interpretive interaction with customers in 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 parks and recreation or have at least two years of education toward a degree in communications, education, interpretation, biology, natural resources or wildlife management.
- Good customer service
- 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.
- Preference will be given to applicants with a Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG) issued by the National Association for Interpretation.
- 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:**

Unfortunately, housing will not be available. Candidates must live close to the park or have dependable transportation.

**To Apply:**

Send your resume, cover letter, and references to [hels.idpr.idaho.gov](https://hels.idpr.idaho.gov). In your email, please provide a good date and time for an interview for March 2024.

**Closing Date:**

Interviews will be held in March 2024

Orientation & and the job training are expected to start in Mid-May 2024