

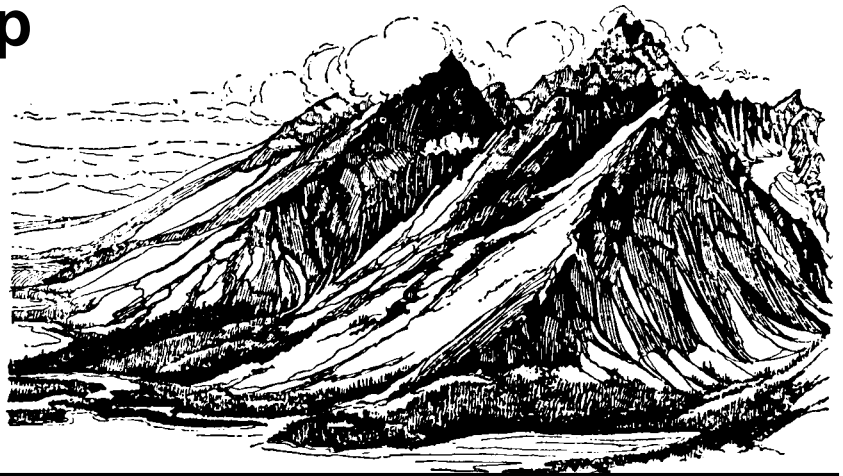
Grand Teton

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Interpretive Internship

*Do you like people? Do you like nature?
Would you like to spend a summer in
Grand Teton National Park connecting
park visitors with natural and human
history?*

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Grand Teton National Park has two to four summer interpretive intern positions available for qualified applicants. Intern positions will be available for a twelve-week period between late May and Labor Day.

The objective of the program is to provide undergraduate or graduate students with practical work experience to round out their formal academic training. The work experience gives students the opportunity to apply skills they have learned in the classroom, to explore career paths and to develop both personally and professionally.

Area Information

Grand Teton National Park is located in northwestern Wyoming, just north of Jackson, in Teton County. The park consists of about 310,000 acres encompassing the Teton Range and the valley known as Jackson Hole. The Teton Range is a fault block mountain range that has been carved by glaciers. Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, seven national forests, two national wildlife refuges, and other state and private lands make up the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Wildlife of the Greater Yellowstone

Ecosystem includes moose, elk, bison, bears, coyotes, bald eagles, trumpeter swans and a variety of other animals. Vegetation ranges from sagebrush in the dry Jackson Hole valley, to forests of lodgepole pines and other conifers, to dwarf alpine plants above treeline. American Indians spent summers hunting and gathering in the valley. European people arrived in the nineteenth century: during the first half of the century, fur trappers caught beaver; homesteaders

began to settle in Jackson Hole late in the century. Geology, plants, animals and human history are all common interpretive topics for the park.

Considered one of the crown jewels of the national park system, Grand Teton has about four million visitors annually, most coming in the summer months. Summers are usually dry with daytime temperatures in the 80s and nighttime temperatures in the 40s. Afternoon thundershowers are common.

Duties

The duties include attending two weeks of naturalist training after which the intern will conduct a full range of interpretive programs and activities for park visitors for ten weeks. Interns will be involved in staffing the visitor centers and information desks; researching, preparing, and presenting short walks and campfire talks; offering information and orientation services in informal settings such as parking lots and trails; and carrying out a wide variety of special projects.

Qualifications

Applicants should be high school graduates in a college preparatory curriculum or college students in a declared major field of study such as natural or physical sciences, communications, natural science interpretation or recreation and resource management. Interns must be interested in and able to meet and communicate with groups of people. An interest or experience in interpretation or environmental education, natural or cultural history would be helpful, but is not required.

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit a detailed resume which lists work experience, hobbies and other interests. You are also encouraged to send a college transcript. Materials must include sufficient detail to allow a selection to be made from the applications plus a telephone interview. **Mail completed forms to Grand Teton National Park, P.O. Drawer 170, Moose, Wyoming 83012. Attention: William W. Swift, by April 1.** For additional information call South District Naturalist Eileen Andes at (307) 739-3396 or Assistant North District Naturalist Katy Duffy at (307) 739-3593.

Benefits

In return for their services to the National Park Service, interns selected for the program will participate in all training and orientation normally attended by the interpretive staff, and will receive rent-free housing, a stipend of \$120 per week for a twelve week assignment and a uniform. This program is sponsored by the Grand Teton Natural History Association.

Course credit may be available by making arrangements with your advisor following selection for the program. Upon completion of the program, interns will also have

received the equivalent of a summer's experience working for the National Park Service, which could be of benefit when applying for a paid seasonal position in the future.

Housing consists of shared cabins or mobile home units with kitchens and baths. Interns need to bring bedding and a small assortment of kitchen utensils as well as bath items. The number of roommates varies depending on the actual housing assignment.

