

OREGON PARKS & RECREATION JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

LENGTH OF TERM: 450 Hours
OPEN: 5/12/08
CLOSE: Open Till Filled
LOCATION: Trail



Oregon Parks & Recreation
Human Resources Division

Naturalist Interpreter LINKS AmeriCorps Member

Project Partners

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department – **Joseph Stewart**

Partnering Organizations Mission

To provide and protect Oregon's outstanding natural, scenic, cultural, historic and recreational sites for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations.

Project Location

Joseph Stewart State Park, 35251 Hwy 62, Trail, OR 97541. The park encompasses 944 acres of forested land located at Lost Creek Lake in northern Jackson County. Major features of the park are a large 201-site campground, 2 group camps, 50 picnic sites in 3-day use areas, a boat ramp and marina concessionary.

Transportation Information

Most park locations are in relatively rural locations, so applicant should possess own transportation or share in carpooling to/from worksite and for personal time. No bus lines run out to parks along major transportation corridors at these locations.

Position Summary

The *Naturalist Interpreter* will help to influence park visitors' experiences and understanding of Joseph Stewart State Park by developing and delivering interpretive, recreational and educational programs at the park. Program goals are to help inspire a stewardship ethic and visitor understanding of the park's natural, historic and recreational resources.

General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

1. Lead and coordinate daytime visitor activities; provide children's learning activities such as the Junior Ranger program, arts & crafts and lead general visitor tours and group tours, school programs, and educational walks and talks throughout the park. The member works with the interpretive ranger and volunteer park hosts to conduct the Junior Ranger and campground programs by coordinating and publicizing event times, locations and materials.
2. Present evening programs at the park's amphitheatre (design and use stage props as well as multi-media equipment (movies, videos, slides, PowerPoint and interactive games) to make programs fun and interesting for park visitors).
3. Interpretive duties also include the following: research program information; contact and arrange for guest speakers for campground programs; contact other outside agencies for information; organize special events and activities, keep required statistics on programs and log as necessary; keep track of and order needed materials and supplies.
4. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
5. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.
6. Wear an appropriate LINKS identifier and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

Requirements

1. The ability to develop public speaking skills and to present information in various mediums for presentations (Power point, props, movies, storytelling, demonstrations, conducting learning games and creating sound effects for impact).
2. Enthusiastic, self-motivated, and creative.
3. Good communication skills and be an excellent representative of OPRD.
4. Current driver's license.
5. LINKS members must be at least 17 years of age at the time of enrollment in the program.
6. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
7. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
8. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
9. Submit to a criminal history background check and National Sex Offender Registry search.
10. Regular and reliable attendance.

Member Benefits Include

- Housing is provided near the park in a rustic cabin (McLeod cabin) located on the Casey State Park property approximately 3-4 miles from Joseph Stewart State Park. Some basic amenities (dishes, pots and pans, furniture, etc.) are included and available on site.
- A taxable living allowance totaling \$2,938 split into monthly increments over the service term.
- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$1,250. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay a portion of the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).

How to Apply

Email your resume to links.recruitment@esd112.org and jill.nishball@state.or.us. Include the position title in subject line.

For more information about Joseph Stewart check out the OPRD website at:
http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_30.php.

Questions about the project?

Contact: Perry Salvestrin, Park Manager at Joseph Stewart State Park – Phone: 541-560-3334 or E-Mail:
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Questions about AmeriCorps, LINKS or our recruitment process?

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