2022 Spring Teaching Assistant

Acadia National Park, Schoodic Education District

April 16-June 12, 2022

The majority of the Teaching Assistant position is involved with the Schoodic Education Adventure (SEA) Program, which offers a curriculum-based residential education program for 5th through 8th grade students. The three and four-day programs combine hands-on field experiences with some classroom activities. Students are introduced to the concept of stewardship and explore the relationship between preserving public lands and monitoring natural resources. With a strong environmental education curriculum based in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) students participate in hands on field-based activities.

The Schoodic District offers public programming focusing on the natural and cultural history of Acadia National Park. Teaching Assistants will also be involved with delivering and creating programming for the public.

Teaching Assistant duties include:

- Working with the middle school residential education program known as the Schoodic Education Adventure Program (SEA), Day Program field trips from local schools and general Public Interpretation Programming.
- Hosting public programs (this includes: creating calendar events for programs, answering emails, and registering participants for programs)
- Distance learning K-8 programs (this includes: presenting and developing programs and coordinating with teachers to schedule programs)
- Assisting with ranger-led hikes
- Leading interpretive table talks
- Developing and delivering children’s activities
- Roving – contacting park visitors and providing informal interpretation
- Program research, creating props and new activity development
- Data entry
- Assisting with auxiliary programs

Teaching Assistant responsibilities include:

- Working 40 hours per week.
- Participating in pre-program training, work as a member of the interpretation/education team, and attend weekly staff development/ logistical meetings.
- Contributing to all aspects of the operation of the Interpretation/Education District through other duties as assigned.
- Positively representing the National Park Service as a member of the interpretive staff.
Benefits:

• $12.75/hour

• Uniform shirts and jackets provided.

• Fully furnished shared apartment and utilities provided on campus. RV site may be available upon request.

• Free laundry facilities are available on campus.

• College credit can be arranged through most universities prior to internship season. Interns are responsible for arranging credits with their schools.

To apply, send a cover letter, resume and 3 references with phone numbers and email contacts to:

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