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GYF POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Greening Youth Foundation (GYF) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to nurture environmental stewardship among diverse youth and young adults, while exposing them to conservation careers.

Opportunity:

GYF in conjunction with Everglades National Park is seeking a *Resource Education Intern* for the Royal Palm area at Everglades National Park (ENP) in Florida.

Internship will be a four months full-time equivalent position and will run from approximately May 18, 2014 to September 6, 2014, with the possibility of extension through the Fall.

Position Tasks:

The intern will work with the Everglades National Park Division of Interpretation and Education, under the supervision of Supervisory Park Ranger.

Intern will be expected to:

- Research the natural and cultural resources within Everglades National Park and the greater Everglades ecosystem, and use this information to educate park visitors on important resource topics.
- Develop and present a variety of formal interpretive programs to large (up to 50+) and diverse audiences. Programs include short talks, walks, slough slogs and bike hikes. Programs are developed according to the interpretive development standards.
- Walk busy trails and informally educate visitors about important resource topics such as Everglades ecology and biology, invasive species, Everglades restoration etc.
- Operates the Park's main visitor center, open and close facilities following established procedures. Record and compiles visitor statistics. Monitor supplies and restocks brochures and other informational material. Operate audiovisual equipment. Display exceptional visitor services by going out of the way to greet the public, access and meet visitor needs and expectations. Roves facilities to provide visitor information.
- Work with the public. Enthusiasm, flexibility, tolerance, and patience are necessary traits in dealing with park visitors.
- Work without direct supervision. Display reliability and responsibility.
- Work in all types of weather conditions including high heat and humidity.

Requirements/Qualifications:

Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25, and live within 50 miles of Everglades National Park. They must have a valid state driver's license, must have transportation to and from the job site, and be able to drive a government vehicle. They must have at least one year of college credits, with educational background relevant to the position. Applicants must have strong communication skills and work ethic. Must have good computer skills, ability to conduct research, write reports, keep records and data, and create presentations. Bilingual (Spanish, French or German) is a plus. The successful applicant should be



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able to pass a federal background check.

Physical Demands:

Working conditions include long hours standing, bicycling, and walking and hiking on and off trails over uneven surfaces and in wetlands, exposure to venomous animals, poisonous plants, biting and stinging insects as well as heat, humidity, and thunderstorms. Applicants should also be able to lift up to 15 pounds.

Desired Skills:

Candidates should enjoy working with the public and have a knowledge of or willingness to learn about park natural and cultural resources. Ability to communicate effectively is essential. Ability to remain calm and courteous during hectic and emergency situations is desirable.

Provided Training:

The successful candidate will be given on the job training, two weeks in-depth interpretive resources training, cross training opportunities with other divisions and other districts (may include opportunities to work with the Volunteer-In-Parks program, community outreach program, and biological studies, etc.), and online training courses about the National Park Service and interpretation through the Eppley Institute.

Resume writing and government employment application training will also be given during the internship.

Position Compensation

The selected applicant will be compensated at a rate of \$10 per hour, 32- 40 hour work weeks during the four month period. A transportation stipend of \$40 per week will also be provided to the successful candidate.

If interested, please send a resume to the attention of: Sabrina_diaz@nps.gov