Field Ranger Internship

Title: Field Ranger Resource Intern
Reports To: Fabian Garcia, US Forest Service, Southern California Consortium, Director
Location: 12 positions available in Glendora, Acton, or San Fernando, CA
Duration: Full Time, 24 Weeks (960 hours total)
Time: Cohort 1: May 22 – November 4, 2017; Cohort 2: June 5 – November 18, 2017
Salary: $1,320 Biweekly Living Allowance
Closing Date: April 21, 2017

Partners
MobilizeGreen is a non-profit seeking to jumpstart green careers for young people who want to change the world. Their theory of change states: “If we want to build our society on a greener and more just foundation, young people must be at the table helping to shape the sustainability and environmental decisions in the government and private sector. And these young people must reflect America’s rapidly changing, rich demographic mix.”

The US Forest Service was founded by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905. The agency manages and protects the nation’s 154 national forests and 20 national grasslands, which is 25% of all federal lands. The Inaugural Chief of the USFS, Gifford Pinchot, stated that the USFS existed to, “provide the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run.”

Program Overview
In partnership with MobilizeGreen, the Field Ranger Intern program has been part of the Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument since the summer of 2015. The original intention of the program was the delivery of environmental education, providing a diverse uniformed field presence in the forest, and performing minor site maintenance. This soon expanded to encompass fire prevention information, temporary visitor center assistance, fire closure point assistance, and trail patrol/education.

By providing a public face to the forest representative of the local communities, the program continues to evolve, with additional roles for Field Ranger Interns being considered. Participation in municipal events outside the forest include the Los Angeles County Fair “America’s Great Outdoors” exhibit, community outreach events, planning events, and conservation education “Every Kid in a Park” programs, to name a few.
Field Ranger Interns may be eligible to obtain CA Naturalist certification upon completion of the course (course availability to be determined). Field Ranger Interns will be eligible to receive the Resource Assistant Program certificate upon completion of 960 internship hours and other program requirements. Health insurance option available.

Position Overview
MobilizeGreen and the US Forest Service are seeking qualified candidates to fill summer Field Ranger Intern positions. Field Ranger Interns will be based at the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and Angeles National Forest District Offices in Glendora, Acton and San Fernando. Work will be roughly 85% field based and will take place at various sites throughout the Monument and Forest, as well as locations in the surrounding communities. Flexible scheduling will be considered for Field Ranger Interns who return to college in the fall, however, a 40 hour work week is mandatory during the summer months.

Primary Field Ranger Intern Duties

- Support the management of the Forest, including delegated responsibility for health and safety in the field
- Developing links with local communities, schools, interest groups and visitors to help deliver the agency’s mission to the public
- Serve as the uniformed presence in the field to interface with the recreating public
- Provide minor site maintenance and report site conditions to Recreation Staff Officers
- Participate in support duties during wildfires and other public interfacing emergencies
- Assist in the organization of visitor information delivery and scientific field work

Key Qualifications and Considerations

- Bilingual or Multilingual preferred
- Housing not provided and local applicants are preferred
- Valid driver's license preferred and may be required for sustained employment as a Field Ranger Intern
- Deep interest in environment/natural resource management and the US Forest Service
- Current College students (graduates & undergraduates) or recent graduates preferred
- Ability to work both independently and with others collaboratively on Forest Service projects

Essential Functions
Field Ranger Interns will be required to sit, stand, and lift objects up to 50 pounds. Field Ranger Interns will also be required to travel and work in the backcountry and other remote locations on the forest, independently and in teams.

To apply

Submit a 1) resume and 2) letter of interest to fieldranger@mobilizegreen.org by April 21, 2017.

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