



Indian Cultural Demonstrator

Great Basin Institute and Yosemite Conservancy @ Yosemite National Park, California

Description:

In cooperation with the National Park Service's Yosemite National Park, the Great Basin Institute (GBI) is recruiting a Resource Education Intern to work cooperatively with National Park Service staff to bring knowledge, innovation and creative thinking to the Indian Cultural Museum at Yosemite (YOSE). The intern will demonstrate the traditional skills of Yosemite's indigenous people and engage visitors in conversations about the lifestyle of these people and how their story is relevant to the overall story of the park. The purpose of visitor contacts is to impart knowledge, understanding and respect of traditional Indian beliefs and their lifestyle, both past and present.

Position Tasks:

The intern will work with the Yosemite National Park staff under the guidance and direction of a Program Lead Park Ranger/Indian Cultural Demonstrator. Through this immersive experience, the Intern can expect to:

- Research the natural and cultural resources within Yosemite National Park and the greater Sierra Nevada mountains ecosystem, and use this information to educate park visitors about important resource topics.
- Demonstrate historically accurate and gender appropriate duties.
 - A female intern will learn and present various stages of acorn production, sewing of aprons and garments typical of the time period demonstrated; cooking; crafting soap root brushes; basket production using techniques of the local area, coiling and twining; making of cordage and other various uses of native cultural materials.
 - A male intern will learn and present the production of projectile points, foreshafted arrows, sinew-backed and non-sinew backed bows; manufacture of traps; feather work such as top knots; making of cordage for snares and nets etc.; production of other obsidian tools; quivers of animals skins and other various native cultural materials.
- Provide detailed information to visitors about the history of local Indian people from the pre-contact times to present day.
- Develop and present interpretive demonstrations, lectures, structured talks, impromptu talks, guide tours and other presentations about the Indian Cultural resources of the park to a variety of individuals and groups, using teaching methods and devices geared to the characteristics and interests of the audiences.
- Involve visitors in various activities such as acorn preparation, game playing, cordage making, etc.,
- Provide demonstrations on non-gender specific life skills, and provide documentation of programs and program statistics.

Timeline:

- One year (52 week) appointment beginning April 2019, or upon availability and completion of a Department of the Interior (DOI) Background Investigation (BI)
- Full time, 40 hours per week

Compensation:

- Living Allowance: \$22,000.00
- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award*: \$5,920.00
- Fully Paid Health Insurance premiums (medical, dental, prescription)
- Shared Housing Provided

* Segal AmeriCorps Education Award may be used to pay for past (e.g. qualifying student loans), present or future (e.g. tuition, books) educational expenses.

Location:

Yosemite National Park - Not just a great valley, but a shrine to human foresight, the strength of granite, the power of glaciers, the persistence of life, and the tranquility of the High Sierra. First protected in 1864, Yosemite National Park is best known for its waterfalls, but within its nearly 1,200 square miles, you can find deep valleys, grand meadows, ancient giant sequoias, a vast wilderness area, and much more... (source: <https://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm>).

Qualifications:

Technical requirements:

- Bachelor's degree or credits/coursework towards a Bachelor's degree in museum studies, education or related field, and/or commensurate experience;
- Experience developing/providing interactive programming and exhibits;
- Ability to communicate clearly and efficiently with the public, coworkers, and mentors both orally and in writing, and respond in a professional and courteous manner to inquiries from the public regarding program activities; Bilingual (Spanish, French or German) is a plus;
- Exhibit enthusiasm, flexibility, tolerance, and patience in dealing with park visitors;
- Motivated, detail-oriented, self-starter that has the flexibility to handle competing and changing priorities and possesses strong organizational skills;
- Expressed ability to accomplish program goals with limited or no direct supervision.
- Possess a clean, valid, state-issued driver's license; and
- Meet AmeriCorps eligibility requirements: (1) U.S. citizenship or legal resident alien status, (2) eligible to receive an AmeriCorps Education Award (limit of four in a lifetime or the equivalent of two full-time education awards), (3) pass National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) and federal criminal background checks, (4) adhere to the rules, regulations and code of conduct as specified in the Member Service Agreement; and (5) will not engage in any prohibited activities as listed in the Member Service Agreement.

Successful applicant must complete a Department of Interior (DOI) Background Investigation (BI) or submit paperwork to NPS human resources indicating an active and fully adjudicated BI has already been completed prior to beginning position. **If you already have a fully adjudicated BI, please let us know in your application.**

How to apply:

Please follow this [link](#) to apply directly through our online employment portal.

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individuals with disabilities and veterans to apply to all of our job openings. We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, age, disability status, Genetic Information & Testing, Family & Medical Leave, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We prohibit Retaliation against individuals who bring forth any complaint, orally or in writing, to the employer or the government, or against any individuals who assist or participate in the investigation of any complaint or otherwise oppose discrimination.