

OREGON PARKS & RECREATION JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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



Oregon Parks & Recreation
Human Resources Division

Naturalist Interpreter LINKS AmeriCorps Member

Project Partners

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (position will be split 50/50 between agencies) – **Carl G. Washburne State Park & Heceta Head Lighthouse.**

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

Heceta Head Lighthouse, 92072 Hwy 101 S, Yachats, OR 97498 (not a mailing address). Heceta Head State Park is located in a cove at the mouth of Cape Creek. A short trail leads to the historic lighthouse and lighthouse keeper's house. A recently-completed trail, which is part of a 7-mile local network of trails, provides a spectacular view of the coast north to Cape Perpetua. Trails of varying difficulties feature beaches, ocean-views and wildlife viewing areas where visitors can see birds such as puffins, cormorants, gulls and nesting areas. Sea lions and whales can also often be seen from the beach or cliff-top lighthouse.

Transportation Information

Housing is available and is located in Newport, OR about 34 north of the lighthouse. The AmeriCorps member will be provided with reliable transportation to travel back and forth to the parks and to other duty locations along the coastline.

Position Summary

The *Naturalist Interpreter* will help influence park visitors' experiences and understanding of natural, historic, cultural, and scenic resources and landscapes along the central Oregon coastline by developing and delivering interpretive and educational programs at the park, lighthouse and various coastal overlooks.

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

1. Provide interpretive tours and programs for visitors to Heceta Head Lighthouse with an emphasis on birding programs. Some interpretive programming on other topics such as plants and tide pools may be offered to the general public or designed specifically for school groups and youth.
2. Interpretive duties also include the following: research program information; contact outside agencies for information; keep required statistics on programs and log as necessary; keep track of and order needed materials and supplies.
3. May conduct educational walks and talks or present programs at the campground amphitheatre, using stage props as well as multi-media equipment (movies, videos, slides, PowerPoint and interactive games) to make programs fun and interesting for park visitors.
4. May assist with opening and closing of lighthouse.
5. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
6. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.

7. 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. Member will be required to use a park radio to communicate with other park staff for emergencies or to provide other information.
4. A 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

- Free dormitory-style housing (for up to 4 people per unit) provided at Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, located approximately 34 miles south of Heceta Head Lighthouse.
- Core Interpretive Training and tide pool training provided by OPRD and birding identification training provided by US Fish & Wildlife Service.
- Vehicle will be provided by US Fish & Wildlife Service for transportation to/from daily assignment.
- 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 Carl G. Washburne and Heceta Head check out the OPRD website at: http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_123.php and http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_124.php

Questions about the project?

Contact Dennis Lucas, Park Manager at Carl G. Washburne State Park – Phone: 541-547-5442 or E-Mail: dennis.lucas@state.or.us or Dawn Grafe, Visitor Services Manager at Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex – Phone: 541-867-4550 or E-Mail: dawn_grafe@fws.gov

Questions about AmeriCorps, LINKS or our recruitment process?

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