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Diversity Internship Program



NPS UNIT: FLAGSTAFF AREA NATIONAL MONUMENTS (WACA, SUCR, WUPA)		PD#: 30
<p>Position Title: Education and Outreach intern</p> <p>Position Type: LHIP Traditional Internship (Public Land Corps)</p> <p>Primary natural resource discipline: Interpretation/Education</p> <p>Location: HQ address is 6400 N Hwy 89, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. Monuments. WACA is @ 5 miles southeast from HQ, SUCR is @ 10 miles northeast from HQ, and WUPA is @ 35 miles northeast from HQ.</p>		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
<p>Position Description: The Education and Outreach Intern will be responsible for developing and strengthening connections with underserved audiences to the Monuments in the vicinity northern Arizona. In particular, we have at least initial working relationships with Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting, and the Outdoors (HECHO), Latino Outdoors, and Northern Arizona University's Hispanic Honor Society but need to build capacity to engage. Our intern would dive deep and quick to strengthen those ties and create tangible, meaningful experiences that 'move the needle' increasing opportunities for these groups/demographic to be invited to, experience, and have opportunities to personally connect to their public lands (with the Flagstaff Area National Monuments, otherwise known as FLAG, being the catalyst).</p> <p>The intern would get direct experience in engagement, partnerships, collaboration, providing interpretation/education opportunities, leadership, teamwork, and empowerment. We foresee the intern also utilizing FLAG's social media platform(s) to share their experiences, joys, and challenges of their work in these realms.</p> <p>The intern would certainly influence what opportunities might come to fruition (and if the pandemic is still rampant @ summer 2021 that would also limit gathering of groups), but a primary goal would be to target market audiences to be invited guests to the Monuments where a variety of hands-on, experiential, 'wind in your face' opportunities can occur (hiking, creating art, capturing experiences re: photos and/or videos for use on social media, service projects, interacting with cultural demonstrators, etc).</p> <p>We have had one successful LHIP intern thus far at FLAG (Raeann Garcia, summer 2020) and were able to initially engage with the power of this program and what's possible with several tangible products completed. We hope to build on the foundation Raeann helped initially build and expand beyond the one Monument she was stationed at (WUPA) to ideally engage/utilize our other Monuments as well (SUCR & WACA).</p> <p>This position is offered through the National Park Service's Latino Heritage Internship Program in partnership with Environment for the Americas.</p>		
COVID ACCOMMODATIONS		
Yes		

LEARNING GOALS

The intern will learn about the National Park Service, why we exist, and the power & value that exists in public service connecting audiences/underserved audiences to their public lands.

The intern will learn/practice/hone interpretive skills in pursuit of connecting people to their public lands.

The intern will practice empowerment (themselves and others) utilizing National Parks as a laboratory/incubus for doing so.

The intern will learn about the natural and cultural history of northern Arizona and the Colorado Plateau.

The intern will have opportunity to use this experience to find alignment and further their own personal and professional goals.

MENTORING

The Chief of Interpretation will either be the direct supervisor and/or will mentor one of the interpretive lead rangers (there is one stationed at each of the three Monuments) to mentor & coach the intern (what housing is available @ summer 2021 at which Monument will influence this ultimate setup).

The intern will be provided training on the natural and cultural history of the Flagstaff Area National Monuments, all appropriate 'nuts and bolts' training in regards to NPS building, alarm, and key access/use, 21st Century Interpretive Skills, and opportunities to learn and grow from our small but mighty interpretive team.

There will never be a time where the intern is working completely solo; there will always be support, resources, and guidance provided for the intern to succeed in their work!

There will likely be opportunities to cross train with other NPS divisions (primarily Resources and LE) as desired.

PROJECT RESULTS

n/a

LEADERSHIP

n/a

DHA-RAI OUTCOMES

n/a

NATURAL & PHYSICAL WORK ENVIRONMENT

Physical Work Environment: Flagstaff and the surrounding area: @ 7,000 feet in elevation, southern Colorado Plateau, mainly ponderosa/pinyon pine/juniper forest. Four seasons, lots of recreational opportunities, and @ 2 hours north of Phoenix. Grand Canyon is @ 80 miles away. Flagstaff's population is @ 75,000 and as such all amenities are available (airport, hospital, variety of grocery stores and restaurants, etc). Very cool historic downtown and also a university town (@ 20,000 of the town's residents are students there). There is office space within each Visitor Center at each Monument and also at Headquarters which is in Flagstaff (east side of town).

Depending on housing available, WACA is @ 20 driving minutes from downtown Flagstaff, SUCR is @ 30 driving minutes from downtown Flagstaff, and WUPA is @ 55 driving minutes from downtown Flagstaff.

Work Environment: The position will have a mixture of field work and office work.

Office work will mostly be working with interpretive team members, calls/meetings related to working with partners, and dialogue/inviting/planning experiences with those partners as well as associated computer work (ie - editing and posting of social media work, etc).

Field work will be hosting various experiences within the Monuments with a variety of partners and audiences as well as any associated photography and/or video.

Outdoor work may include leading hikes of up 2-3 miles over paved and/or dirt trails with moderate (ie - several hundred vertical feet) elevation change and leading/facilitating interpretive experiences in outdoor settings.

We work with NAU to ideally host several summer interns that are receiving undergraduate credit (depending on funding from our nonprofit partners Western National Parks Association and Friends of the Monuments).

VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Yes regarding a valid driver's license and having a personal vehicle. On duty the intern will likely use a government vehicle to travel in between the Monuments to host experiences with a variety of partners, audiences, groups, etc. Off duty they will need a personal vehicle to get groceries, recreate, etc.