



Public Risk Management Internship Program



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2012

*** An Innovative Internship in Injury Prevention in our National Parks! ***

Students interested in public health, behavioral sciences, injury epidemiology, safety studies, planning, and/or wilderness and recreational risk management are encouraged to apply.

What is the Internship?

- A 3-6 month assignment at a park working on a risk management project to support park injury prevention efforts and enhance visitor experience
- Attendance at an intensive, highly specialized, weeklong training in June covering topics such as injury epidemiology, task planning, data collection, and wilderness first aid
- Receive weekly subsistence, housing, training, and transportation to and from the park
- Fulfill graduate practicum requirements and/or receive credit

Benefits to the Intern

- Spend a summer working in a national park
- Apply and refine skills in data collection and analysis; report writing and presentation; and program development
- Have a direct impact on saving lives and enhance visitor experience in our parks
- Eligible for AmeriCorps award

Testimonials

"My internship provided an opportunity for personal development and growth while teaching me how I can make a positive difference. It was the best internship I could have hoped for."

- Beth Borkowski, Intern at Lassen Volcanic National Park, summer 2010 and undergraduate at Indiana University, Bloomington

"I greatly appreciated the chance to work with the Park Service...I hope to use this experience as a jumping-off point for future research -- perhaps dissertation research -- either here or in another park."

- Laura Rickard, Intern at Mount Rainier National Park, summer 2009 and doctoral student at Cornell University

Sample Project Descriptions

- Collect, input, and analyze visitor injury data in order to develop effective injury prevention strategies
- Conduct observations of visitor behavior and interactions between park staff and visitors
- Review park safety plans, visitor safety policies, and risk communication methods
- Develop park safety initiatives
- Develop injury prevention outreach programs

Qualifications

- Excellent analytic and organizational skills
- Ability to take initiative and work independently
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work with a multi-disciplinary group

Internship Applications Available in March 2012

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