Makoshika State Park

Full Time Seasonal Position

Term of Service: May 21st, 2012 – November 3rd, 2012

Service Site: **Makoshika State Park**

Service Schedule: **Full Time Seasonal members** will serve a minimum of 900 hours over a 24 week term, averaging 40 hours per week with 40 hours of holiday, vacation, or sick time.

Position Summary:
Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members promote healthy, active, and environmentally aware communities by improving park land, enriching educational opportunities, increasing volunteerism, and enhancing community outreach in state parks.

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps Members Will Perform the Following Duties:

- Improve state park land through volunteer projects and direct service activities
- Enhance the park's volunteer program
- Plan and oversee public volunteer days
- Implement the Interpretive and Educational Assessment Program, including the distribution and gathering of surveys
- Work with park staff to enhance interpretive and educational opportunities
- Highlight park resources through interaction with community groups and traditional and new media
- Complete all necessary paperwork in a timely, professional manner
- Perform other duties as assigned by the site supervisor and program coordinator

Special Duties Specific to this Site

- **Assist in the organizing and coordinating for multiple special events held throughout the year. Including volunteer workers, Program Demonstrators, Interpretive Programs, and Musical Programs.**
- **Assist visitors and give site tours.**
- **Regularly attend "Friends of Makoshika" (a non-profit park support organization) meetings. Give updates on tasks being accomplished, and be willing to provide input and support for the betterment of that organization (updating their website, taking pictures, updating their "facebook" site, making callouts for help, assisting with quarterly newsletters, identifying and assisting with various Friends Group tasks as they arise)**
- **Working with various local organizations to give park specific educational programs and, when applicable, facilitating opportunities for those various organizations to complete their community service projects in Makoshika Park. (organizations such as: Boys and Girls Club, Campus Corps, VISTA, Rotary International, Kiwanis, Lions, Toastmasters, Healthy Communities Coalition)**
- **Create educational and interpretive programs for the park**
- **Gather visitation data**
- **Assist with the cataloging and accessioning of park resources into the repository**
- **Take existing park educational trunk, and separate into two separate trunks. Prepare and incorporate educational lesson plans for each respective park that is geared for two separate age groups (K-6 and 7-12).**

Special Skills Needed at this Site

- **Self-motivated**
- **A gregarious outgoing personality is very helpful, especially related to success in recruiting volunteers**
- **Good computer skills**
- **Some experience finding, making arrangements, and coordinating various special events**
- **Strong basic knowledge or comprehension of natural processes related to the earth sciences in fields relevant to: (Geology, Biology, Paleontology, Archeology, Ecology)**
- **Public speaking skills to deliver educational/ interpretive programs**
- **Effective communication skills with both the public, and park co-worker as a "team member"**
- **Ability to work independently**
- **Some experience with trail work is beneficial**
- **Organizational skills**
- **Ability to learn park cataloging techniques for plethora of park resources**
- **Ability to work effectively in a variety of outdoor weather conditions (heat, rain, sun, wind, cold)**

Minimum Requirements:

- Over 18 with a high school diploma or GED; some college or work experience may be required
- A United States citizen, United States National, or legal permanent resident alien
- Ability to handle multiple projects, track details essential to project completion, analyze information, and meet deadlines
- Strong ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing with diverse groups of people
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Basic computer proficiency
- Passion for the outdoors and enthusiasm for enhancing Montana's state parks
- A driver's license and personal means of transportation within the state of Montana
- Must pass all required national service criminal history checks
- If relocating for the service term, must be able to cover all relocation expenses
- Ability to find and pay for local living accommodations

Benefits:

- Living allowance of $4,500 dispersed in equal bi-weekly increments over the service term ($187.50 per week for 24 weeks)
- An AmeriCorps Education Award of $2,675 upon successful completion of service
- Eligible for student loan deferment
- Experience and training working in the fields of outdoor recreation, parks management, interpretive services, and volunteer management
- Opportunity to live, work and be part of the team amid the natural wonders and cultural heritage of Montana State Parks

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To Apply:

Apply for a seasonal full time position electronically:

- Visit http://tinyurl.com/7oujoft and follow application instructions

or

1. Visit http://www.americorps.gov/
2. On the homepage, select **"AmeriCorps State and National"**
3. On the right hand side of the page, under search, click **"Advanced Opportunity Search"**
4. Fill in program name: Montana State Parks AmeriCorps and click "search"
5. Choose the type of placement for which you would like to apply—full time seasonal or summer time
    a. If you are unsure which term you want to apply for, check the box at the top of this page. It will specify "_____ Member Position Description." The term in the blank is the type of position for which you should apply.
    b. If you would like to apply for more than one type of position, fill out each of the corresponding applications on www.americorps.gov
    c. *You will not be able to specify your preferred placement at this time. Once you submit your application, if you are selected for a pre-screening, program staff will contact you to determine your preferred placements based on the type of term you would like to serve. At that point, you will be able to indicate which state park placement (e.g.Lone Pine, Makoshika, Helena HQ, etc.) is your first, second, and third choice.*
6. Create a username and password
7. Follow online instructions to complete and submit application

For application assistance or for more information, please contact:

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