

Summer 2009

OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Seasonal Employment



POSITION: **Park Ranger (Interpretation) GS-0025-05**

WHERE: **Alaska Public Lands Information Center, Anchorage, Alaska**

SALARY: **\$15.93/hour including Alaska Cost of Living**

The *Alaska Public Lands Information Centers* combine the information resources of nine federal and state land management agencies. The Centers were mandated by the U.S. Congress in 1980 (1) to provide residents and visitors to Alaska with convenient locations to gather recreational information needed in enjoying public lands and (2) to stimulate environmental education in the local communities throughout the year. Alaska has more than 235 federal or state conservation units which encompass more than 75 percent of the total land area of the state. These areas include Denali and Katmai National Parks, the Arctic and Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuges, Tongass and Chugach National Forests, and Chugach State Park.

The *Alaska Center* in Anchorage (AAPLIC), managed by the National Park Service, is an exciting single location for planning excursions and learning about the wild and fragile resources of any of these magnificent parks, forests, or wildlife refuges. Working at the *Anchorage Alaska Center* provides excellent

opportunities to make a difference while enjoying the outdoors in Alaska. Anchorage, the largest northern most city in the world, has an ideal combination of urban and nearby wilderness.

Description of Duties: Researches, prepares, and presents interpretive programs including illustrated talks, walks and demonstrations about the significance of natural, cultural, and historical resources on parks, forests, and refuges in Alaska. Successful candidate assists with special events and programs as well as writing and preparing interpretive materials for the visitor center. Provides general orientation to visitors concerning recreational opportunities, safety, and wildlife/wildland etiquette on public lands. Performs some fee collection and sales of cooperating association materials.

Conditions of Employment: Candidates work schedule entails 40 hours per week but may require working overtime, holidays, and weekends. Government housing is NOT provided. THIS IS A SEASONAL, TEMPORARY

POSITION NOT TO EXCEED 1039 HOURS. Anticipated Starting date May 2009

Qualifications: A combination of education and experience may qualify you for this position. GS-5: one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-4 level OR four years of college leading to bachelor's degree with 24 semester hours of a natural sciences, social sciences, park and recreation management, and other disciplines related equivalent to the GS-5 level OR one full academic year of graduate education related to the management and protection of park resources.

The Federal Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HOW TO APPLY: Students may submit a resume to Chris D. Smith, Lead Interpretive Ranger at AAPLIC, 605 West 4th Avenue Suite 105, Anchorage, AK 99501. Applicants must be students enrolled at least ½ time in a degree, graduate, or certificate program.

Call (907)644-3663 for questions.