RIVER CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

An educational partnership program of the St. Croix River Association and the National Park Service at the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Park Guide Intern

Application Deadline: Applications will be reviewed and considered as they are received, so apply soon! Applications must be submitted by February 21.

The St. Croix River Association (SCRA) is currently recruiting applicants for four park guide internships at the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway during the summer of 2014. The Riverway, one of the nation’s first wild and scenic rivers, is a National Park consisting of 255 river miles that flow through some of the most scenic and least developed country in the Upper Midwest. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/sacn

SCRA is a nonprofit organization that protects, restores and celebrates the St. Croix River and its watershed. It partners with the National Park Service as the Riverway’s Friends Group and others so that the St. Croix is a place where
- Waters run free and clean
- Habitat remains plentiful to sustain our unique and diverse flora and fauna
- People have access to our National Park and the park flourishes
- Towns throughout the basin thrive and people celebrate the river

Learn more at: www.stcroixriverassociation.org

Description of Internship

These positions are with the Division of Interpretation, Education and Cultural Resources and are supervised by the district interpretive rangers. They provide students with practical work experience in visitor services and interpretation in a busy national park.

Interns work with mentors to create opportunities for park visitors to understand the significance of the Riverway and its resources. Interns will learn to:
- Staff the St. Croix River or Namekagon River Visitor Centers.
- Assist park visitors with river trip planning and other opportunities.
- Perform interpretive and orientation services in informal settings at river landings and on the rivers while kayaking.
- Research and present pre-developed thematic programs to diverse audiences.
- Assist with special events, outreach and special projects as necessary.
- Observe natural environmental conditions for potential safety hazards.

Benefits
- Food and expense allowance
- Free housing provided for duration of internship.
- Training in formal and informal interpretation, kayak skills, and CPR/1st Aid.
- Up to 3 college credits paid
- A season’s experience working with the National Park Service.

**Skills Required**

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- College student with coursework in natural, physical or cultural sciences; resource interpretation; natural or cultural resource management; outdoor recreation; or park/recreation management.
- General knowledge of the National Park Service or St. Croix National Scenic Riverway is helpful.
- Ability to work well both independently and as part of a team, be detail-oriented and organized.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to follow oral and written directions.
- Basic computer familiarity.
- Valid state driver's license is required.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 pounds independently, and up to 50 pounds with assistance.
- Ability to provide information and safety messages to visitors.

**Work Site and Conditions:**

- Intern will be based at either the St. Croix River Visitor Center in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, or the Namekagon River Visitor Center in Trego, Wisconsin.
- Work in the field is required and will involve some physical activity, including walking, standing for long periods of time, and paddling a kayak or canoe at a variety of park locations.
- An internship of 12-14 weeks is preferred. Flexibility in length of the internship is negotiable with prior approval.
- Weekend work and some evening work are required.
- A fingerprint and background check is required.

**How to Apply:**

Send all of the following information:
1. Cover letter. State the internship you are applying for and your preferred location. Why are you interested in the internship and working at the Riverway?
2. Detailed resume, including work experience.

Email to:
Deb Ryun, Executive Director
St. Croix River Association
debryun@scramail.com
(715) 483-3300

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