



Job Announcement

Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth NF Conservation Education Resources Assistant

Please Respond By: April 17, 2020

Address: 5 North Fork Canyon Rd Ketchum, ID 83340

The Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) in partnership with the Sawtooth National Forest will be advertising a Conservation Education Resources Assistant (RA). This is a 6 month (24 weeks) full-time work experience from May 18th, 2020 to November 20, 2020. Created in 1984, and modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's, ICC is a non-profit job training and experiential education program for youth and young adults to learn and work in the field of natural resource management. ICC will recruit and hire the selected RA candidate providing personnel and Human Resources (HR) needs during the placement.

If you have questions about the Conservation Education Uses Resources Assistant Internship, please reach ICC Internship Coordinator Javier Luna, javierL@idahocc.org (208) 805-0325 or Susan Kranz, Sawtooth National Recreation Area Interpretive Specialist susan.kranz@usda.gov (208)727-5018.

The Position

Be in the company of wild things and rugged landscapes! Join our educational staff for an exciting experience with the Forest Service in a beautiful mountain setting within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA). The chosen naturalist will complete research, develop and present natural and cultural walks, talks and evening programs for diverse groups of visiting youth and adults, including wilderness education (Leave No Trace) in the outdoors and a one to two week summer day camp. One day a week, the candidate will dispense recreation information to the public at a ranger station or Visitor Center. S/he will attend team meetings and staff orientations to become familiar with the Forest Service and specific SNRA goals and receive on the job training.

This position is offered through the Forest Service Resource Assistant Program (RAP). RAP interns will be required to attend a week-long training in Denver, CO upon hiring. RAP interns will gain valuable on-the-job training, be immersed in the Forest Service culture, and have access to valuable workforce development opportunities. To learn more about this program, please visit:

- USFS Resource Assistants Program
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/volunteers/resource-assistants-program>
- USFS Outside
<http://usfsoutside.com/resource-assistants/>

Program Benefits

- NYC will provide RA a total stipend of \$12,000, prorated monthly, along with health care coverage, workers' compensation and FICA.
- Travel and training funds of \$5000 are available to the hired RA.
- Upon verification of 960 hours of service, RA will be issued a Noncompetitive Hiring Authority and Direct Hire Authority, which can be used to apply for vacancies.

- The forest service will provide bunkhouse space for a minimal fee in either Stanley or Ketchum, ID, depending upon availability.

Position Requirements

- A desire to serve and promote public land stewardship and an ethic of service.
- Communicate and interact in a positive, professional manner with various populations such as: project partner(s), colleagues, community volunteers, youth, and the general public.
- A commitment to the goals of the US Forest Service.
- A cooperative manner and the ability to serve as part of a team.
- The ability to work independently.
- A willingness to ask questions for clarification and job completion.
- Work a flexible schedule, including some evenings and weekends.
- Ability to commit to the full term of service.
- Valid driver's license and good driving record. Drive government vehicle as required for position.
- Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Possession of a college degree, or near completion.
- Regular and reliable attendance and dependability.

Qualifications:

- A background in education or interpretation. Formal or informal experience in teaching or public programming in history, wildlife biology, natural resources, or a related field preferred.
- Upper level or recent college graduate.
- Prefer experience correlating programs with national and state educational standards.
- Prefer experience working with the general public and children in indoor and outdoor settings.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent organizational and computer skills.
- An independent, self-motivated, creative, and resourceful individual able to work with diverse groups of people.

About the Sawtooth National Forest:

SNF is a federally protected area that covers 2,110,408 acres (854,052 ha) in the U.S. states of Idaho (~96 percent) and Utah (~4 percent). Managed by the U.S. Forest Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, it was originally named the Sawtooth Forest Reserve in a proclamation issued by President Theodore Roosevelt on May 29, 1905. On August 22, 1972 a portion of the forest was designated as the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), which includes the Sawtooth, White Clouds, and Hemingway–Boulders wilderness areas. The forest is managed as four units: the SNRA and the Fairfield, Ketchum, and Minidoka Ranger Districts.

Sawtooth National Forest is named for the Sawtooth Mountains, which traverse part of the SNRA. The forest also contains the Albion, Black Pine, Boise, Boulder, Pioneer, Raft River, Smoky, Soldier, Sublett, and White Cloud mountain ranges, as well as Hyndman Peak, the ninth-highest point in Idaho at 12,009 feet (3,660 m) above sea level. Sawtooth National Forest contains land cover types which include sagebrush steppe, spruce-fir forests, alpine tundra, and over 1,100 lakes and 3,500 miles (5,600 km) of rivers and streams. Plants and animals found only in the Sawtooth National Forest and adjacent lands include Christ's Indian paintbrush, Davis' spring parsley, the South Hills crossbill, and the Wood River sculpin.

The area that is now Sawtooth National Forest was first occupied by people as early as 8000 BC and by the Shoshone tribe after 1700 AD. The first European descendants migrating from the eastern United States arrived in the area around the 1820s; they were mainly explorers, trappers, and prospectors, and they founded many of the current towns around what later became the forest. Sawtooth National Forest offers facilities for recreation, with four ski areas, whitewater and flatwater boating, hunting, 81 campgrounds, and over 1,000 mi (1,600 km) of trails and roads for hiking, mountain biking, and all-terrain vehicle use, including two National Recreation Trails.

About the Sawtooth National Recreation Area:

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area (NRA) is often described as the Heart of Idaho for its central location and the emotions generated by its stunning beauty. The Sawtooth NRA is 756,000 acres with elevations from 5,800 to over 11,000 feet above sea level and includes three wilderness areas: The Sawtooth, Hemingway Boulders and Cecil D. Andrus White Clouds Wilderness. This high mountain region sits at the convergence of four mountain ranges and provides spectacular alpine scenery. In addition to dozens of perpetually snow-capped peaks, there are countless lakes, thick forests and the headwaters of both the Salmon River winding its way through the spectacular Sawtooth Valley and the Big Wood River flowing south through the Wood River Valley.

The Sawtooth NRA has two full time administrative offices. The Sawtooth NRA Headquarters and North Fork Visitor Center is located eight miles north of Ketchum. The Stanley Ranger Station is located near the town of Stanley, 60 miles north of Ketchum in the heart of the Sawtooth Valley.

The Sawtooth NRA is a unique place operating under its own legislation--Public Law 92-400--as well as Forest Service directives. Within its 756,000 acres, the Forest manages three designated Wilderness areas, busy developed recreation sites and other water and land based recreation, timber, grazing, historic, visual, fire management, interpretive, watershed, plant, and wildlife programs. We administer 91 conservation easements which protect over 86% of the private land within the SNRA from further development. The Sawtooth NRA also has a large number of Special Uses in lands and in recreation including recreation residences, organization camps, resorts, recreation events, and outfitter and guides.

Recreation on the Sawtooth NRA is year-round however summer is the busiest time of year. Recreation activities include developed and dispersed camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, floating, fishing, lake shore recreation, mountain biking, motorcycling, snowmobiling, and skiing. The Sawtooth NRA has a campground concessionaire permit that manages 35 campgrounds, three boat ramps, and eight day-use areas. Forest Service crews maintain an additional 42 developed recreation sites including boat launches, picnic areas, trailheads, developed dispersed campsites, scenic overlooks, rest areas, interpretive sites, river access sites and groomed snowmobile and cross country ski trails. As home to the headwaters of the Salmon River, the Sawtooth NRA is the center point for Sockeye Salmon recovery. It is also a critical area for Chinook, Steelhead and Bull trout recovery.

About Ketchum, Idaho

Ketchum is a city in Blaine County, Idaho, United States, in the central part of the state. The population was 2,689 at the 2010 census, down from 3,003 in 2000. Located in the Wood River Valley, Ketchum is adjacent to Sun Valley and the communities share many resources; both sit in the same valley beneath Bald Mountain, with its world-famous skiing. The city also draws tourists from around the world to enjoy its fishing, hiking, trail riding, tennis, shopping, art galleries, and more. The airport for Ketchum, Friedman Memorial Airport, is approximately 15 miles (24 km) south in Hailey

Community Information: <http://ketchumidaho.org/>

Sawtooth National Forest Information: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sawtooth>

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Application Instructions Below

Application Deadline: April 17, 2020

Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.

Type of position: Individual Placement

Service Dates May 2020 – November 2020

Length of Term: 960 Hours

How to apply:

Please apply at <https://idahocc.org/interns> by clicking “Apply Here” and selecting “Sawtooth Resource Assistant” when applying.

For questions or concerns, please reach out to:

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