2018 Internship Opportunities
DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST - RED RIVER GORGE, KY

Interpretation and Conservation Education (ICE) Ranger

Do you enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, fishing, boating, and rock climbing? Are you interested in anthropology, ecology, geology, and history? Would you like to share your knowledge and passion for the outdoors with others? If so, there’s an excellent internship waiting for you with the U.S. Forest Service! The Daniel Boone National Forest is seeking candidates interested in the field of Interpretation and Conservation Education to serve as ICE Ranger interns for the 2018. These interns will educate visitors on the many natural, cultural, and recreation resources of the Daniel Boone National Forest.

As an ICE Ranger, your primary responsibilities will include conducting research for, preparing, and presenting interpretive tours and programs to the public both in the field and at the Gladie Culture and Environmental Learning Center, located in the heart of the Red River Gorge Geological Area. There, you will spend much of your time orienting visitors to the Red River Gorge, providing much valued information on recreational opportunities, showing films in the center’s theater, and answering questions about the forest’s natural and cultural history. You will also give interpretive tours, wear period costumes, and provide hands-on demonstrations of rare and/or disappearing skills and crafts common in the Appalachians that helped our predecessors not only survive but thrive for generations in this rugged landscape.

When not at Gladie, programs will be given at trailheads, points of interest, and at the historic Gladie Cabin. You will also be able to assist with numerous special events such as Living Archeology Weekend, trout stockings, fishing derbies, and Herpetology Olympics, amongst many others. As time and skills permit, you may also have opportunities to assist with special projects such as creating visitor center exhibits, updating and/or writing forest brochures, and improving online content.

Our interns are official U.S. Forest Service Volunteers. As such, you will be provided supervision, mentorship, and training that will lead to valuable professional knowledge and experience, which can be used for future federal employment applications. We can work with your school to create internships to earn college credit. Depending on the length of commitment, you may be eligible for free volunteer housing at the Gladie Visitor Center or the Stanton work center. Reimbursement of up to $75/week or 14 cents/mile may be possible. Internships typically last from 10-15 weeks with dates flexible to accommodate your schedule yet require often working weekends and holidays. Multiple positions are available March through November.

Applicants are encouraged to e-mail a cover letter and resume to:
Eric Dodd at edodd@fs.fed.us or Jason Smith at MichaelSmith@fs.fed.us
Please include your dates of availability along with a list of 3 references with phone numbers.
Thank you for your interest!

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