



National Park Service Valley Forge National Historical Park 2010 Summer Recruitment

DEADLINE

APPLICATION: UNTIL FILLED

JOB TITLE: Park Guide, Ranger Activities Division

MAJOR

FUNCTIONS: The primary work of this position is operating the park's Visitor's Center information contact station as well as collecting entrance fees. The applicant would provide first line interpretive and information services, answer visitor's questions and conduct guided tours as part of the daily Visitor Center operation.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Assists by staffing Washington's Headquarters, and other historical sites in living history clothing. Assist with special events and park sponsored programs.
- Operates the park's 18 minute orientation film "Valley Forge: a winter encampment," Gives a short introduction to the park film and provides orientation to the park and surrounding area.
- Conducts 30 – 40 minute guided walk from the Welcome center to living history demonstration located at Muhlenberg.
- Staffs the Welcome Center front Desk which involves (but is not limited to) greeting visitors, providing general information about the park and programs, answering visitor's questions about the park and surrounding area (both in person and on the phone), maintaining the daily visitor count for the Visitor Center and conducting gallery talks.

QUALIFICATIONS: Please indicate the amount of experience you have with each:

- Basic working knowledge of Colonial American History.
- Knowledge of the 18th century military, socioeconomic and political aspects of the American Revolution.
- Knowledge of the Valley Forge encampment.
- Knowledge and experience in interpretation delivery techniques, guided walks, stationary talks, costumed interpretation, and any historical presentations.
- Any experience in a public service environment

WORK

SCHEDULE: Full-time:

BENEFITS:

- Housing may be available.
- Training related to specific activities as well as general park operations and management of the National Park System will be provided.



INFORMATION: Located approximately 20 miles northwest of center city Philadelphia, Valley Forge is the site of the 1777-1778 winter encampment of General George Washington and the Continental Army. The park receives 1.2 million visitors each year and contains about 3,500 acres of forested rolling hills, tall grass meadows, wetlands, and rough lawns. Recreational and cultural opportunities are abundant, including museums, theaters, concerts, fishing, boating, hiking, etc. For additional information please visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/vafo> or Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau at <http://www.valleyforge.org/>.

Valley Forge is located in King of Prussia. King of Prussia is also home of the largest shopping mall of the east coast (the King of Prussia mall). The two-building conglomeration is also arguably America's largest shopping complex at one location. Valley Forge National Historic Park also contains over 28 miles of trails.

HIRING RATE: \$14.31 (GS-04) thru \$16.01 (GS-05) per hour

HOW TO APPLY:

Please submit the following in person, by fax or mail to the contact below:

- Cover letter indicating the title of the position you are applying for
- Resume
- Transcript (official)
- Letter from your school (on school letterhead) confirming your student status through the summer of 2010.
- Contact information for two academic or professional references

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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