



Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program



The Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) program links NPS units with in-service teachers from public and private schools. Teachers selected for the program spend the summer working in national parks as park rangers. They perform various duties depending on their interests and the needs of the parks. They develop and present programs for the general public, staff visitor center desks, develop educational activities for schools that visit parks, and/or work on special projects.

The 2013 TRT program for each of the area parks is an 8-week program beginning in early June. All teachers receive an NPS uniform and a \$300 per week stipend for participating in the program. Please note applications are due on January 31, 2013. Specific questions about each site and its program should be directed to the contact person.

White Sands National Monument

White Sands is an unique resource encompassing the largest gypsum dunefield in the world. The TRT will be a full time park ranger in the interpretation division performing traditional duties such as nature walks, patio talks, and staffing the visitor center information desk. In addition, the TRT will focus on the revision and expansion of curriculum development. This will include resources available to teachers on the website and lesson plans highlighting the monument's natural and historic features. RV spots with hookups are available.

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Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument

Explore the world of ancestral Puebloan people of the Mogollon area. Put on the ranger uniform for the summer and work at Gila Cliff Dwellings! Our TRT will serve as an interpretive park ranger, help create website content, prepare and present guided tours of area archeological sites, and develop additional projects with the park's chief of interpretation. The selected teacher will receive training and experience in all aspects of being an interpretive park ranger. Housing provided.

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Guadalupe Mountains National Park

Guadalupe TRT will develop and teach children's summer programs, work in the visitor center, present interpretive talks, hikes, and tours, rove park trails, and write curriculum relating to the park's natural, cultural, and historic resources. Primary position will be located at the Pine Springs Visitor Center but there may be other opportunities for programs at remote sites. RV spots with hook-ups and/or shared park housing are available.

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Carlsbad Caverns National Park

The TRT will assist with ParKids, a three-week summer day camp for kids ages 7-15. The TRT will run the Kids Korner, a park based activity center for kids Pre-K and up. The TRT will also aid in the development and revision of curriculum-based school activities for all grades. They will also give orientations to large groups, prepare educational fee waivers, and prepare materials for programming. Park housing may be available.

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Chamizal National Memorial

Building on the TRT's background in arts, science, social studies, and multi-grade teaching experience, the TRT will create curricula that address our park mission of cultural awareness and cooperation. The new lessons, sharing the Chamizal story, will be presented to area schools throughout the following year. Other duties include revising existing curricula, assisting with the Teacher E-newsletter, providing a training workshop, and participating in summer programs and events.

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