



Professional Development Opportunity

The Teacher Ranger Teacher program is a professional development opportunity for K-12 teachers to spend Summer 2017 acquiring new skills in experiential learning. The program is provided by a partnership between the National Park Service (NPS) and the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver). The participants spend between four and six weeks in a NPS unit developing a major educational project and participating in an online graduate course from CU Denver. The goal of the program is to train teachers in the resources and themes of the NPS so that they can return to their schools in the fall and incorporate their new skills into their classroom activities. NPS aims to especially reach students from underserved schools and districts by recruiting teachers from Title 1, urban or rural schools and from tribal schools to participate in the Teacher Ranger Teacher program.

Park Name: Manzanar National Historic Site

Address: 5001 Hwy 395, P.O. Box 426, Independence, CA 93526

Park Contact: Patricia Biggs

Park Contact Email Address: Patricia_Biggs@nps.gov

Park Phone Number: 760-878-2194 ext. 3316

Projected Dates of Detail: Summer 2017

Housing Availability: Limited rentals in the area

Stipend: \$3000.00 upon completion of the Manzanar project and graduate course requirements

Graduate Credit: 3 graduate credit hours through University of Colorado Denver

Program Hourly Requirements: Total of 230 hours of effort: 160 hours of major educational project; 45 hours of online coursework, discussion, course readings; 25 hours of NPS operational experiences.

Additional Information: Manzanar National Historic Site was established in 1992 to tell the stories of the forced removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. It is a complex, controversial, and emotional site, providing rich opportunities for people of all ages to explore the past and contemplate their own identities and perspectives. Education was a major reason for the creation of Manzanar National Historic Site and remains a primary goal.

2017 TRT Project: Using Manzanar's extensive collection of oral histories, documents, and photos, the Teacher Ranger Teacher (TRT) will create educational activities and lesson plans to bring the past to life for visitors and for off-site school groups. The educational project should encourage interaction with the exhibits in Manzanar's reconstructed Block 14 Barracks, Mess Hall, and Latrine.

Operational Experience: The 25 hours of operational experiences will include greeting visitors and answering questions about the site.

Interested teachers, please fill out the below application and references and email it to:

Patricia_Biggs@nps.gov

Or mail it to: Patricia Biggs
Manzanar National Historic Site
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Independence, CA 93526



Manzanar Teacher-Ranger-Teacher 2017 Application

Applicant Name:

Home Address:

Home/Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Applicant's School Name:

School District/State:

School Address:

School Phone:

Grade level and subject(s) taught:

1. **Do you teach at a Title I school?** (please circle) No Yes If yes, what percentage of your students qualify for Free and Reduced-Price Lunches?
2. **Can you commit to approximately 4-6 weeks of time (230-240 hours) during the summer season (June-August, depending on park needs)?** (please circle) No Yes
3. **Describe your most effective unit or lesson plan that actively engaged students in learning. Why was it successful?**
4. **Why do you want to participate in Teacher Ranger Teacher?**
5. **How will you use your TRT experience to enrich your classroom teaching and create opportunities for your students to connect to the National Park system?**
6. **How will you share information and skills acquired through this experience with colleagues?**
7. **Describe your familiarity and experiences with local, state or national parks.**



Please provide information for two professional references:

Reference 1:

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Relationship to applicant:

Reference 2:

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Relationship to applicant: