

Position: Urban Park Ranger Fellow

Title: Urban Park Ranger (Seasonal: May/June-August 2009)

Agency Description:

As stewards of nearly 14 percent of New York City's land, the Department of Parks & Recreation builds and maintains clean, safe, and accessible parks citywide and programs those parks with recreational, cultural and educational activities for people of all ages. Through this work, Parks & Recreation improves people's lives, providing outlets for creative expression, opportunities for healthy recreation, and exposure to the restorative beauty of the natural world.

Position Description:

The New York City Urban Park Rangers seek naturalists and outdoor enthusiasts who want to spend their summer working with the public to build park stewardship and to act as ambassadors for New York City's vast greenspace. As an **Urban Park Ranger Fellow**, you will work outdoors in flagship parks in all five boroughs in the greatest city in the world. Under supervision, Urban Park Fellows will spend part of their day patrolling frequented paths helping the public appreciate the natural and historical elements of our parklands, and providing general information and a uniformed presence. Fellowship Rangers also provide nature- and history-themed educational programs at playgrounds and other high activity sites throughout the day. Fellowship Rangers will be uniformed and trained to use a radio for communication, and to promptly respond to quality of life issues. Fellowship Rangers work 35 hours per week, including weekends. **Length of position: Approximately May 18/June 1 through August 18.**

- \$94.25 Processing fee required for finger printing and background check.
- Must pass background check and drug test

Urban Park Ranger Requirements

1. An Associate degree or completion of 60 semester credits from an accredited college; or
2. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent and one year of fulltime satisfactory experience in one of the following: law or code enforcement; security; ecology; or as an environmental instructor or ranger in a recognized park, recreation or ranger program, cultural institution, or accredited school; or
3. A satisfactory combination of education and experience that is equivalent to "1" or "2" above. College education may be substituted for the required experience in "2" above on the basis of five (5) semester credits for one (1) month of experience. Experience working as a clerk or secretary is not acceptable.

Full-time candidates only: At the time of appointment, candidates must qualify for deputization as Special Patrolman by the New York City Police Department. Such individuals must be of good moral character, have U.S. citizenship, and be at least 21 years of age, and have no record of convictions for any felony or for any serious offense against public safety as defined in New York State Penal Law.

Salary: \$16.68/hour

License Requirement

At the time of appointment, all candidates must have a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York with a satisfactory driving record. This license must be maintained for the duration of employment.

Preferred Qualifications;

1. Education and/or experience in natural science topics. Teaching Experience.
2. Excellent oral/written communication skills.
3. Outgoing personality
4. Ability to juggle and prioritize multiple tasks and meet deadlines
5. Experience working with wildlife

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