



Northwest Youth Corps Nez Perce National Historical Park



Position Title: Trade Skills Intern – 640 HR

Position Summary:

Nez Perce National Historical Park is recruiting one Trade Skills Intern beginning October 18th, 2021, through January 28th, 2022, work 40-hour work weeks Monday through Friday. This internship will be learning based, and will provide opportunities for the intern to grow, develop, and apply general facility management skills through a mix of training and participation in park projects and operations. Interns will receive one-on-one mentorship from experienced park staff and will work at a pace that allows an appropriate amount of time for learning, understanding, and skill development. Trade skills learned will include carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and masonry skills. Interns will also focus on career building and professional development skills. This will include resume writing, overview of park operations such as interpretation, natural and cultural resource management, and public engagement/community involvement. These interactions, in conjunction with the specific trades' skills learned, will allow the intern to gain a better understanding of the overall function of the National Park site and the role of facility management plays within that organization.

Nez Perce National Historical Park, Spalding, Idaho

The 38 units of Nez Perce National Historical Park form a park unit about a people, for all people. It is not one place, but many. It is not one story, but a multitude. It is not one viewpoint, but many more than one. Approximately 300,000 visitors annually come to Nez Perce National Historical Park to experience and understand the cultural heritage and history of the Nez Perce as well as to see the scenery along two national historic trails: the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, a unit of the National Park Service, and the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail, which is managed by the U.S. Forest Service in close partnership with Nez Perce National Historical Park. The majority of visitors discover Nez Perce sites as they travel to and from other destinations but are able to discover the many stories and legends inherently tied to this landscape.

Spalding Idaho is Park Headquarters for Nez Perce National Historical Park. It is located in NW Idaho near the Idaho Washington border 12 miles SW of Lewiston Idaho on US HWY 95. The area is defined by the Clearwater and Snake rivers as they flow through canyons and steep hills and run together in Lewiston. Vegetation in the area is mostly grass and sage, the topography is rolling hills with distant mountains, much of the area is agricultural and planted in wheat. The towns of Lewiston Idaho population 36,000 and Clarkston Washington population 8,000 offer all major services including rental housing, airport, schools, and hospitals. There is no public transportation to the park from the surrounding communities. Daytime temperatures from May to October frequently reach the high 80's with numerous days in July and August with temperatures over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Daytime temperatures in the winter range from the low 30's to mid-50's. The climate is arid at Spalding which is in the Clearwater river bottom with little rain or snow, both rain and snowfall increase significantly in the higher elevations around Spalding.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- 70% - Primary duties will include assisting park maintenance staff in the carpentry, plumbing, electrical, masonry, painting, and janitorial activities.
- 20% - Additional duties will be supporting natural resources in invasive species control, cultural resources in museum collections management, and interpretation with visitor interaction.

- 10% - Interns will be required to engage with the local community through organized volunteered opportunities.

Required Qualifications:

- Ability to work outdoors in remote settings and inclement weather
- Ability to lift carry 30lbs
- Current driver's license

Desired Qualifications:

- Willingness to learn and participate in a team environment

Duty Location:

Duties are performed within greater Lewiston, Idaho area. Interns will be required to make their own housing arrangements in the local Lewiston, Idaho area.

Terms of Employment:

Intern will complete the 16-week program starting October 18th, 2021 through January 28th, 2022. The member will average 40 hours of labor per week, minus holidays. Sick days and off days are allowed per request via the Nez Perce National Historic Park staff.

Program Benefits:

\$8,000 total living allowance, prorated monthly. Members are responsible for providing their own housing and food.

Application Instructions

Application Deadline: October 8th, 2021

Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.

Type of position: Individual Placement Internship

Service Dates: October 2021 – January 2022

Length of Term: 640 Hours

To Apply:

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references and completely fill out the application form found at <http://bit.ly/NYCInternApplicationForm>

Please select "Trade Skills Intern – Nez Perce NHP" when applying.

Additional Information:

If you have questions about the position, please contact Trentin Martinez at 208-843-7051 or Trentin_Martinez@nps.gov. If you have any other questions, please contact Liv Kelley at 208-805-0325 or LivK@nwyouthcorps.org.