SEQUOIA NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION
POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Interpreter, Living History & Astronomy

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Create and portray a living history character highlighting a person and period of historic significance from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park’s past. This single person presentation will be performed for families, adults, children, teachers, and groups. Additionally, the interpreter will create and give evening programs that focus on astronomy. With experience and training, an interpreter may act as a hiking guide or give a motor coach step-on tours. This position is seasonal, performing most duties between mid-April to Labor Day. This interpreter gives programs under SNHA’s Sequoia Field Institute.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Directly supervised by the Sequoia Field Institute Education Assistant.

REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION/SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE/PHYSICAL DEMANDS):
♦ Knowledge and understanding of the National Park Service and SNHA missions, policies and procedures and features and facilities in the parks
♦ Knowledge of natural and human history, environmental studies, outdoor education as it relates to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.
♦ Degree, or equivalent experience in education, theater, or science.
♦ Excellent communication and speaking skills. Dual-language/dual culture experience ideal.
♦ Experience speaking to large groups (motor coach, general audience)
♦ Teaching experience.
♦ Acting or performance experience.
♦ Ability and willingness to promote SNHA mission, programs, membership, merchandise, services and fundraising efforts.
♦ Experience working with multi-generational and/or international audiences
♦ Ability to design and execute living history and astronomy programs.
♦ Ability to quickly learn new skills. Ability to work with minimal supervision.
♦ Ability to get along well with others and to work as part of a team.
♦ Ability to work weekends, holidays and a flexible work schedule as needed.
♦ Willingness to take on additional duties as needed or required.
♦ Creativity and enthusiasm.
♦ Ability to lift and carry boxes weighing up to 40 pounds. Applicants may be required to pass a pre-employment test demonstrating their ability to meet these requirements.
♦ Valid driver’s license with clean driving record (we verify all DMV records)
♦ Current first aid/CPR training certificate (must be kept valid)
♦ Willingness to wear and maintain uniform and living history costume.

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**TOOLS/EQUIPMENT UTILIZED:**
SNHA/NPS vehicle, personal vehicle, hand truck, basic word processing applications, NPS phone system and audiovisual equipment.

**GUIDELINES FOLLOWED:**

**WORK ENVIRONMENT:**
Wuksachi Lodge, national parks trails and outdoor settings during day and night.

**PRIMARY DUTIES:**
- Perform living history programs
- Give astronomy night time programs
- Assist with program and course development.
- Promote NPS resource stewardship ethics to international visitors.
- Assist with other SNHA programs as needed.
- Promote educational programs and SNHA membership and other programs.
- Inform visitors about SNHA mission. As appropriate, sell books, merchandise, programs, services and membership.
- Work in a safe manner in compliance with the association's Safety Program and the rules of the National Park Service.
- Wear costume or uniform as required.
- Continually expand personal knowledge of national park and natural history.
- Assist SNHA office with administrative duties when requested.
- Other duties, which may be necessary or assigned.