



RIVER EDUCATORS NEEDED!

The Mississippi National River and Recreation Area seeks experienced teachers to facilitate programs for K-12 students within the Twin Cities metropolitan area.



DESCRIPTION

River Educators are part-time licensed teachers who put their love for the outdoors into delivering professional K-12 education programs at various locations along the Mississippi River. They work side-by-side with ranger staff from the National Park Service in meeting the large amount of education program requests coming from schools each year. The educators are essential for the expansion of education programming within the park's boundaries, and help to deliver interactive learning programs and assist with the development and management of those programs.

We are always looking for talented teachers to join our outdoor education team. River Educators must hold a teaching license in elementary or secondary education, or a current substitute teaching license, or have college teaching experience within a scientific field. This opportunity is a great supplemental job for education professionals. Retired, substitute, and newly minted teachers, as well as adjunct professors are encouraged to apply!

PAY: Stipend pay of \$100/Full Day (Over 4 hours); \$50/Half Day (4 hours or less)

HOURS: Dependent on programming need. Most program needs vary from 2-8 hours.

LOCATION: Dependent on programming location, but within the park boundaries or in the Twin City metro area. Some training days and other jobs may require working at the NPS headquarters in downtown Saint Paul at 111 East Kellogg Boulevard.

DATES: River Educators work part-time and are scheduled according to program opportunities and availability throughout the year. Fall and Spring seasons are especially busy times.

TRAINING: Candidates will be expected to attend and receive related program training as needed. Candidates will also be expected to attend an on-boarding date to take care of initial paperwork and administrative tasks related to the job.



REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates will be expected to perform these primary responsibilities:

- Help expand the educational mission of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
- Represent and promote the mission and values of both the National Park Service (NPS) and Mississippi Park Connection (MPC), the coordinating partner with NPS
- Deliver K-12 standards-based education programming to on-site locations within the park
- Effectively communicate, teach, interpret to both small and large groups
- Create and deliver teacher learning workshops
- Create a positive, supportive learning environment
- Serve as a role model to students
- Be flexible and open-minded with respect to learning styles
- Motivate students to learn and maximize their achievement
- Prepare students to be responsible, independent learners
- Adapt to a variety of settings to deliver education programming
- Be willing to drive a government vehicle with a valid government license
- Prepare materials and equipment for class visits
- Be able to and willing to assist in park emergencies
- Able to meet the physical demands of an outdoor education job: lifting/carrying equipment up to 25 lbs., standing for long periods of time, walking up to five miles over unpaved and uneven surfaces, climb stairs, work in sun, light rain, and cold.
- Able to take direction from park rangers and work cooperatively with park volunteers

TO APPLY: We are interested in building our River Educator team as need arises, and accept inquiries of interest from qualified applicants throughout the year. Anyone wanting to join the River Educator team must provide a resume and cover letter, participate in an interview process, pass a stringent federal background check, and have current certification in first aid and CPR (or willing to obtain one).

Send resume and cover letter to David Kappelhoff, Education Specialist with Mississippi Park Connection (MPC), at dkappelhoff@parkconnection.org.



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