



People + Parks Intern Job Description

About Anchorage Park Foundation

Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) builds *Healthy Parks & Healthy People* by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Anchorage Park Foundation addresses inequities in access to public land and encourages community stewardship of greenbelts, parks, and trails in Anchorage. Initiatives include, engaging underserved youth in positive outdoor experiences, building inclusive playgrounds for families of all abilities, connecting urban trails to nature, and bringing Dena'ina indigenous culture to place name signage.

Position Overview

The People + Parks Internship is an Anchorage-based summer position that focuses on connecting community with nature through our vast network of public parks and trails and outdoor recreation opportunities. The Intern will assist multiple program areas with community engagement, developing environmental education activities, park and trail improvement projects, and communications. This position is ideal for someone skilled at project management, logistics and event planning, written and digital communications, and comfortable working both in an office setting and outdoors on public lands. This position reports to the Youth Engagement Manager and works collaboratively with all members of the organization. The position offers a flexible work environment, interaction with a variety of partners, weekly field trips to surrounding public lands, and outdoor recreation experiences.

Major Responsibilities

- Plan outdoor community events with the goal of attracting and engaging community members and volunteers in removing invasive weeds along greenbelts and replanting trees impacted by spruce-bark beetle kill.
- Assist in developing environmental education activities for 5th grade Outdoor School program.
- Collect and develop compelling stories of APF's impact, including written and visual content to external audience through social media and email campaigns.
- Research, advocate, and organize community partners around climate corps program (YEP), non-motorized transportation, and other local climate initiatives.
- Assist program managers in the logistics and delivery of environmental education programs to local young adults through our Youth Employment in parks Program.

Preferred Qualifications

- Appreciation or experience in environmental education, parks and recreation, community outreach, or a related area.
- Persuasive written and verbal communication skills.
- An ability to work independently, attend off-hours events, and be a team player.
- Experience with Office365 Suite, email marketing software, web editing, and databases.
- Professionalism and a willingness to learn what isn't known.
- A culturally responsive attitude and commitment to equity.
- A love of the outdoors.