

PARK RANGER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An incumbent works under the supervision of a Park Superintendent and is responsible for liaison with park patrons in a manner which encourages greater public safety, enjoyment and compliance with park rules and regulations. The ranger is a highly visible person who will assist the general public in the use of County Park Facilities and directs the work of a number of seasonal and/or hourly employees who patrol various sites within the Parks system. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Provides the public with general information on park activities, services and facilities;

Promotes proper use and enjoyment of parks through persuading compliance with park rules and regulations;

Promotes safe park use by observing and reporting unusual or illegal incidents, directing traffic, crowd control at special events, reporting hazardous conditions, assisting lost persons, making security inspections of buildings and grounds, etc.;

Directs the work of seasonal and/or hourly employees who patrol various sites within the Parks system to ensure safe use of Park facilities by patrons;

Assists in administration of first aid and contact of emergency personnel in case of accidents;

Assists in public safety by removal of potentially unsafe conditions through maintenance effort;

Assists in park maintenance efforts;

Assists in other park operations;

Assists in the conduct of interpretive tours;

Uses computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Good knowledge of County park facilities and rules and regulations; good knowledge of basic law enforcement methods and techniques; working knowledge of crowd control methods; working knowledge of first aid procedures; working knowledge of natural resources and methods of conducting interpretive programs; ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions; ability to act quickly and calmly in emergencies; ability to direct the work of seasonal employees; ability to prepare written reports; ability to effectively use computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments; tact; initiative; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: High School or equivalency diploma and either (a) four years experience which involved park operations, environmental or nature programs, buildings and grounds maintenance in a park or museum; or as an enforcement or security officer; or b) completion of two years of study* in park management, forestry or environmental studies, recreation, natural sciences or a closely related field and two years of experience as stated in (a) above.

SUBSTITUTION: Completion of 30 credits towards a Bachelor's Degree in one of the above-stated fields, or a closely related field, may be substituted on a year-for-year basis, for up to four years of the required experience.

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, only experience gained after attaining the minimum education level indicated in the minimum qualifications will be considered in evaluating experience.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid New York State drivers license.

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