

**GRAND CANYON VEGETATION PROGRAM
2010 SUMMER INTERN ANNOUNCEMENT
NORTH RIM**

Short description:

This internship will support Grand Canyon National Park's Vegetation Program on the North Rim. The vegetation program coordinates a wide range of activities including exotic plant management, native habitat restoration, seed collection, pruning, monitoring and surveying, and others.

The intern will live and work in the North Rim Developed Area. Most work will be focused in the village area, as well as at established viewpoints, such as Cape Royal and Point Imperial, and along trails. The intern will perform site maintenance, including watering, at restoration sites that were planted in 2008 within the developed zone. They will also work on surveying and removing high priority invasive species throughout the developed areas. The intern will have the opportunity to hike and explore more of the North Rim while collecting seed and cuttings for future restoration projects. The intern will work very independently as the primary representative for the Vegetation Program on the North Rim. The primary objectives of this internship will include: 1) seed and plant material collection, 2) implementing and monitoring restoration projects, 3) inventorying, surveying and mapping native, exotic and rare plant species, 4) removing priority exotic plant species, 5) using GPS units, compasses, digital cameras and multiple data forms to document exotic plant management and site restoration activities, 6) coordinating, educating and supervising volunteer groups to complete the above-listed work.

Knowledge and Skills Required

- Skilled in use of GPS units, digital cameras, Access Database and GIS.
- Ability to read a topographic map and use a compass; skilled in hiking and orienteering.
- Ability to work independently with little or no supervision and as part of a team for extended periods of time.
- Basic knowledge of restoration ecology and invasive species management.
- Knowledge of Colorado Plateau flora.
- Background in biological sciences with botanical identification skills.

Additional Details

- The internship duration would be June 7 through August 27, 2010.
- The intern would be based on the North Rim and housing will be provided.
- The intern must have a valid driver's license and personal vehicle. A government vehicle will be available for work related tasks.
- There will be a large amount of field work associated with this project – the intern should have extensive field experience in variable conditions, extensive camping / backcountry experience, and possess a willingness to work long hours.
- The intern will be compensated \$500 per week during the term of their internship.
- Applications will be accepted through May 1, 2010; the position will be filled by May 14, 2010 and duties will begin on June 7, 2010.

How to Apply

For more information or to apply please e-mail a cover letter, resume, and reference contact information to Laura Jones at ljones@grandcanyon.org

You may also submit your information via postal mail to:

Grand Canyon Association, Attn: Laura Jones, PO Box 399, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023.

*Please specify which internship you are applying for.