Position Announcement

The Mohonk Preserve, New York State’s largest member & visitor supported nature preserve, is seeking qualified people who love the outdoors to fill positions as:

Seasonal Ranger

The Preserve is a dynamic organization with responsibility for managing over 8,000 acres of the northern Shawangunk Mountains in Ulster County, NY. The Preserve has four integrated programs—Conservation Science, Education, Land Stewardship, and Land Protection—and is a regional model for large-scale conservation planning that guards the integrity of our natural surroundings while providing for public recreation and education. We have an annual budget of $3.6 million, 35 year-round staff, and over 300 volunteers. We also have a diverse support base of over 14,000 individual members and supporters.

We have a strong and dedicated Land Stewardship department and Ranger staff. Rangers report to the Managing Rangers and the Director of Land Stewardship/Chief Ranger. The Seasonal Ranger will patrol lands of the Mohonk Preserve, ensure public safety, resource protection, and quality of visitor’s experiences. The position is seasonal from April through October, and the employee will typically work six 8-hour days in a two week period.

Basic Duties:
- Perform patrol of Preserve lands as directed by supervising rangers.
- Participate in emergency incidents such as search and rescue and first aid, as directed.
- Make sales transactions including collecting fees from day users and members; provide them assistance during their visits.
- Perform construction or mechanical work, and perform maintenance of Preserve lands and facilities as directed.

Requirements include:
- Rock climbing skills & experience;
- Current First Aid and CPR certifications;
- Clean driving record and ability to pass Mohonk Preserve background check;
- Must be able to travel long distances on foot and capable of carrying a minimum of 40 pounds;
- Knowledge of cultural, natural history, and geography of the area and the Preserve.
- Interpersonal skills, including the ability to stop antisocial behavior when encountered; sensitivity to needs of public; and courtesy to the public.
- Ability to communicate both up and down the chain of command and outside of the Preserve both verbally & in writing.
- Familiarity with all Preserve policies and procedures.
- Willingness to work irregular hours including weekends and holidays.

Some background in the following preferred:
Education or experience in recreation management, public safety, resource protection, environmental education, construction, mechanical skills, farming, forestry practices, computer skills preferred (including GIS, Microsoft Word and Outlook or similar email application as well as Internet).

Position available immediately. Salary: hourly rate $11/hour

For more information or to apply please contact
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