THE LEAVE NO TRACE CENTER FOR OUTDOOR ETHICS SEEKS A 2-MEMBER TEAM OF TALENTED, DYNAMIC, HIGH-ENERGY RESEARCH ASSISTANTS.

The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics is a national non-profit that works to protect the outdoors by inspiring people to enjoy it responsibly. We are seeking a pair of Research Assistants for a research study on trash, recyclables, and waste, which will take place in three National Park Service (NPS) units during the summer of 2018. The NPS units include Yosemite National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and Denali National Park. The right individuals will have experience working and traveling together, be detail-oriented, energetic, flexible, have solid writing and communication skills and thrive in a fast paced, dynamic, and constantly changing environment. Previous research and survey/questionnaire experience is strongly desired, as well as extensive outdoor experience.

SPECIFIC TASKS INCLUDE

• Participate in a research training in Boulder, Colorado:
  ❖ May 29 - 31, 2018

• Travel to each park per the research schedule and carry out all required sampling according to the sampling schedule. Tentative research schedule includes:
  ❖ Yosemite NP: June 1 – July 2, 2018
  ❖ Grand Teton NP: July 7 – August 3, 2018
  ❖ Denali NP: August 7 – September 10, 2018

• Serve as a member of a 2-person research team and conduct in-park research efforts.
• Assist as necessary with study and travel logistics, accommodations, and data collection scheduling.
• Work with Principle Investigators, project postdoc, NPS personnel, park concession staff, and others throughout the study to meet all study objectives and goals.
• Ensure all study protocols are followed explicitly and adhere to NPS research permit stipulations and requirements.
• Administer on-site visitor surveys as well as conduct unobtrusive behavioral observation research.
• Work with Principle Investigators and project postdoc to manage and secure data
gathered at each site.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor’s degree in a relevant discipline is required; advanced degree strongly desired.
- Experience in field-based survey data collection and observational data collection procedures.
- Demonstrated experience as a strong team member and ability to achieve set objectives.
- Proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel and Macintosh operating systems.
- Background in natural resource management, environmental studies or recreation management preferred.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Creative thinker with the ability to develop or seek out innovative approaches and ideas.
- Knowledge of the NPS a plus.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Passion for protecting national park resources.
- Multi-state travel required.
- Ability to work in inclement weather required.

Additional qualities include: Environmentally conscious, detail-oriented, self-motivated, energetic, and professional.

Stipend/Expenses: Research Assistants will be provided a monthly stipend. Travel and lodging expenses will be covered by the Center.

Duration of position: 3.5 months (late May – early Sept).

Location/Travel: The positions are based out of Boulder, CO. but do require out of state travel to California, Wyoming, and Alaska. Some camping in developed campgrounds is required for the positions. Applicants should have camping gear and be comfortable spending multiple consecutive nights camping.

To apply: Send cover letter, resume, and a minimum of three references to Ben@LNT.org.

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