



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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JOB OPPORTUNITY BULLETIN

Interpretive Naturalist II

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PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Research, develop, and conduct a variety of interpretive programs of natural and cultural resources for the general public and specialized audiences which demonstrate the best practices of interpretation and visitor service at a variety of park locations;
- Lead individual sessions of our Youth Leadership Series, be a positive role model and mentor for our participants from inner-city communities from diverse backgrounds;
- Contribute to interpretive publications, including brochures, flyers, newsletters, promotional materials for new and existing programs, and Symbiosis magazine;
- Create program outlines which include themes, goals, measurable objectives and which comply with the basic standards of the profession;
- Staff Residential Outdoor Camp and/or camping programs, includes hands-on outdoor activities; moderate hiking; facilitate team-building activities; lead games, campfires, and other evening programs; provide support as needed to ensure efficient running of program;
- Gather and organize information related to the park's history and utilize in interpretive programs and materials;
- Staff Sooky Goldman Nature Center and Anthony C. Beilenson Interagency Visitor Center as needed;
- Help as needed on interpretive programs at agency parks and special events;
- Perform related duties as required.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to speak and write Spanish, highly preferred;
- Work evening and weekend hours;
- Knowledge of the Principles of Interpretation;
- Ability to work independently and carry out assignments with little or no supervision;
- Work is accomplished in both indoor and outdoor settings, and includes standing, walking, and hiking for extended periods of time;
- Must be physically fit, and pass a physical examination including a drug test;
- Provide evidence of free from tuberculosis;
- Ability to read, write, speak, understand and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the duties of this position;
- Reliable transportation for travel to locations in Los Angeles & Ventura Counties;
- Submit fingerprints to Department of Justice, have a record clean of violent or serious felonies as defined in California Penal Code Sections 667.5 and subdivision (c) 1192.7 and Provide a Voluntary disclosure form and criminal history record;
- Wear MRCA provided uniform in a clean and professional manner.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Natural history, local flora, fauna and geology of the Santa Monica Mountains;

- Natural systems and functions;
- The principles of Environmental Education;
- The principles of Interpretation;
- Basic First Aid and CPR;
- Ability to work with children in an engaging and appropriate manner;
- Ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with park partners and cooperating organizations;
- Ability to plan environmental and/or natural resource events;
- Ability to plan and conduct guided tours, explain specific points of interest in each natural area, and interpret the ecology and natural history values.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

A Bachelor's Degree or significant coursework from an accredited college or university in related fields including Natural Resource Management, Environmental Studies, Environmental Education, Resource Interpretation, Recreation & Leisure Studies, or other related fields

Or

An equivalent of four full years of experience working with children in an education or recreational capacity.

Or

A combination of related education and experience.

REQUIRED HOURS

40 hours per week, varying days, nighttime and weekend hours, and occasional overtime work upon prior approval by supervisors. The position will work at various agency locations, the office location may be located at the following locations including Franklin Canyon Park, Vista Hermosa Natural Park, Temescal Gateway Park, King Gillette Ranch, or Los Angeles River Center & Gardens.

COMPENSATION

Successful applicant will be hired as Interpretive Naturalist II. The hourly rate range for this title is \$14.26 - \$17.46.

BENEFITS

Health insurance, life insurance, retirement, vacation, sick leave and generous holiday schedules.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit the following items electronically in PDF or MS Word format: cover letter, resume, and the names of at least three references with contact information. Email to Jamie.Cabral@mrca.ca.gov with "Interpretive Naturalist II" in the subject field. Interviews will be scheduled shortly thereafter at MRCA's office in Calabasas, or another MRCA park location. Resumes will be accepted on an ongoing basis until position is filled.

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a full service park agency that was created in 1985. Our mission is to protect and preserve park and open space lands surrounding Los Angeles as well as urban natural parks and parks along the Los Angeles River and to ensure that parkland is accessible and welcoming to the public. The MRCA is a joint powers authority between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. This position is within the Division of Interpretation, which is responsible for youth leadership development, community outreach, visitor service information, public programs, volunteer services, transportation to our parks and our newsletter, Symbiosis.

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