



Who we are:

The Department of Environment and Conservation exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment by:

- Protecting and promoting human health and safety.
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air and water.
- Conserving and promoting natural cultural and historic resources.
- Providing a variety of quality outdoor recreational experiences.

TDEC has approximately 3,000 employees statewide supported by a total budget of more than \$400 million. TDEC is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee with delegated responsibility from the U.S. EPA to regulate

About the Division of Tennessee State Parks (TSP):

Founded in 1937, Tennessee State Parks preserve and protect the unique natural, cultural and historic resources of our state. Tennessee State Parks offer many recreational opportunities for people across the state. All 56 state parks offer hiking and picnicking as activities, in addition to fishing, boating, biking and camping as well as organized interpretive programs. There are six Tennessee State Parks with inns and conference centers. Many of the parks have restaurants that can also provide on-site catering. Eight parks feature golf courses, three of which are signature Jack Nicklaus designed Bear Trace golf courses.

Mascot and Social Media Coordinator - Youth and Family Programming

Tennessee State Parks and Conservation

Salary Range: \$13.00 - \$15.00 per hour

Overview

This seasonal/temporary position is based at the Tennessee State Parks' Central Office in Nashville, TN. The Mascot (Ramble) and Social Media Coordinator will represent the Junior Ranger program at park functions, community relations events and at the Junior Ranger graduation. The position will be responsible for updating Ramble's Facebook page, promoting Ramble and the Junior Ranger program. The position also assists with Run Club programs and special events when needed as part of the Youth and Family Programs team. The team works with schools, community groups and other organizations to promote interpretive experiences, running events, outdoor classes and programs and community relations events. Extensive travel is required. Housing may be available.

Responsibilities

- Present as Ramble at park functions and community relations events
- Work with parks to promote Ramble and the Junior Ranger program through multimedia platforms, such as print, photo and video
- Assist with the development of interpretive programs and provide interpretive programs in support of park staff
- Facilitate outdoor adventure experiences
- Support Tennessee State Parks youth program initiatives
- Support the Run Club and outdoor program initiatives
- This position will also respond to general inquiries and correspondence.
- Animal care and husbandry
- General administrative tasks

Knowledge and Skills

The successful candidate must be physically fit, able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays, and able to withstand periods of inclement weather, including but not limited to high heat, rain, cold, etc. The candidate must also be willing to wear the Ramble costume and present a consistent character with a high degree of charisma and athleticism. Applicants should have expertise working with children of all age groups as well as adults.

Qualifications

At a minimum, the applicant must be a college or university Junior by credit hours working toward an undergraduate degree in youth education (all levels), general life sciences, forestry, wildlife, geology, geography, history, anthropology/archaeology, environmental science, park administration, natural resource-based recreation, or relevant degree. Coursework and previous experience in theater, multimedia and social development highly preferred, but not mandatory. If selected for an interview, the applicant is required to have a copy of his current college/university transcript and a completed State of Tennessee employment application. Candidates appointed must pass a criminal background check.

To be considered for this position, students need to submit their resume and cover letter to Barbara.McKeever@tn.gov. Additional forms may be required as part of the interview process. Additional information regarding Tennessee State Parks' Youth and Family programs are highlighted on TDEC's website: <https://www.tnstateparks.com/about/learning>.