

Name of park/office/program	Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park
Internship duty location address	641 Broadway #517 Skagway, AK 99840
Position Title	Interpretation & Education Intern
Position Type	LHIP Internship (Public Land Corps)
What is the PRIMARY NPS field of this internship project?	Interpretation/Education
Position Description	<p>This is an internship with the park interpretation & education division. The intern will help tell “untold” stories of the Klondike Gold Rush by working alongside park staff to learn operations and assist visitors. The main duties of the intern are outlined below:</p> <p>Interpretive programs: Research, develop, and lead walking tours and auditorium programs focused on a marginalized aspect of the Klondike story. In past years, rangers have created programs on women of the Klondike, children during the gold rush, the culture & influence of the Tlingit (Alaska Native) people, and the African-American "Buffalo Soldiers" of Company L stationed in Skagway. In past years, LHIP interns have created and implemented programs focused on the cultural influence the 1898 Spanish-American war had on the U.S and the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush. Using a substantial amount of primary source documents and research, the intern can choose from multiple facets of the Gold Rush story to share and connect with visitors.</p> <p>Informal interpretation & visitor assistance: Staff public buildings such as park visitor center, museums, and Junior Ranger Activity Center. Duties will include providing informal interpretation to visitors on Klondike Gold Rush history and park resources & significance, offering site orientation to visitors, operating media equipment, introducing park film, as well as performing opening and closing procedures. The intern will gain a detailed understanding of how to share the National Park Service mission, day to day operations at a busy national park site, and greatly build on their public communication skills.</p> <p>Learning about the National Park Service: The intern will have many opportunities to learn about different park operations. This will be tailored to the selected intern, but will include attending the superintendent's leadership meetings and departmental planning meetings. This tailored experience can also include shadowing park environmental field studies such as boreal toad surveys, eulachon Fish studies, and/or bat acoustic monitoring. The intern will have the opportunity to participate in archaeological digs with cultural resources</p>

	<p>staff; and time is provided for the intern to hike in the backcountry on the park's Chilkoot Trail.</p> <p>Community outreach & special events: The intern will have other opportunities for outreach depending on their interests. Opportunities include promoting LHIP during the park's Jr. Ranger Day by staffing an activity table, marching with the NPS float in the Fourth of July parade, assisting with summer camp planning and staffing, or any of the other events at the park.</p>
Qualifications	<p>This intern will need to be comfortable interacting with hundreds of people each day. Public speaking skills or a desire to build public speaking skills are a must. Some coursework in history is helpful but not required. Experience working with children is also a plus. The intern will need to be able to research, develop, and present a 45-minute interpretive walking tour 3-5 times a week for up to 30 visitors per program. The intern will also develop a 30-minute-long auditorium program.</p>
Start date	<p>Internships will begin in May, with some flexibility depending on park and applicant schedules.</p>
Physical Environment	<p>Skagway, Alaska, located in the coastal temperate rainforest of southeast Alaska, is a populated largely by young open-minded travelers enjoying seasonal employment, summer population is around 3,000 with up to 13,000 visitors each day from all over the world. Skagway is a major Alaskan cruise-ship destination. It also has road access to Canada. Skagway's economy mainstay is tourism. Community activities such as outdoor concerts, intramural sports, and art contest occur regularly. Skagway is also home to many volunteer organizations, Interns are encouraged to get involved and be a part of the community.</p> <p>Skagway has two grocery stores, a rec center, several restaurants and bars, a microbrewery, and a library with free Wi-Fi. Skagway also has miles of outdoor recreational trails and ocean access for water-based activities. It is a short drive to British Columbia and the Yukon, so a passport is recommended.</p> <p>Skagway's cruise-ship industry supports dozens of adventure companies offering activities such as rock climbing, river rafting, dog sledding, and even glassblowing. During the summer months weather can be variable, but highs in the 60s are typical. Rain can occur daily, but rarely for the whole day.</p>
Work environment	<p>The intern will work a "5/4/9" schedule. This means in a 2 week pay-period they will work 9-hour days; 5 days the first week and 4 days the second week. This provides alternating 3-day weekends and ample time for recreational activities. Each work day, the intern will attend daily morning meeting with interpretation and education staff. For the majority of the intern's time, they will work alongside seasonal staff at the visitor center, museums, and the Junior Ranger Activity Center. They will independently present formal interpretive programs and, independently staff park buildings. To provide a robust NPS experience,</p>

	<p>the intern will also be provided opportunities to participate in biological and archaeological field studies. These studies can be strenuous, requiring hiking for several hours across rough terrain, in bear country, and in changing weather conditions. Which opportunities are offered will be tailored to match the intern's interests and abilities.</p>
<p>Vehicle/driver's license required</p>	<p>No, all duty stations are a short walk from housing units</p>