

## Specification for Class of

## PARK RANGER IN-TRAINING

**Abolished Initially Effective January 13, 2006**

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Definition: In a training capacity and under close supervision, assists higher level rangers in the administration, operation, maintenance, interpretation, education, visitor services and law enforcement of a state park or park area.

Distinguishing Characteristics: This is an in-training class. Incumbents are assigned progressively more complex and responsible duties. This class is designed to provide training opportunities and experience to become a successful and fully qualified Park Ranger 1. Incumbents must successfully complete the law enforcement academy, the Ranger Checklist, and at least nine months of service prior to advancement to the Park Ranger 1 level. The law enforcement academy and Ranger Checklist must be completed within the first 12 months of employment.

Typical Work

Attends the park ranger law enforcement academy to obtain knowledge and skills required for safe, proper and effective law enforcement; instruction includes criminal procedures, criminal law, law enforcement communication, crises intervention, defensive tactics, patrol procedures, traffic, criminal investigation, evidence law, firearms handling and familiarization, emergency vehicle operation, use of force, ethics, and civil liability;

Learns to perform a wide range of police functions including prevention of theft, vandalism, fires, misuse of park resources and other undesirable activities; learns to perform enforcement of regulations to assure a safe environment; learns to issue infraction notices; learns to enforce liquor laws; learns to make physical arrests and subdue assaultive individuals;

Registers park visitors; collects and accounts for fees; answers questions and explains park policies and regulations;

Learns to interpret park area and educate park visitors; acts as interpretive resource for the park visitor; meets tourists, students and other visitors; performs and/or assists in guided tours, campfire programs, slide and educational presentations both inside and outside of the park;

Learns to regularly inspect parks' natural resources; pays particular attention to implementation of natural resource plan to ensure authentic and healthy natural environment of park;

Learns to maintain records of park activities; prepares reports; performs routine administrative duties; learns to plan, organize, and accomplish assigned duties in an efficient and productive manner;

Cleans, repairs and maintains park grounds, facilities and utility systems; leads and works with subordinates and volunteers in the maintenance and repair of park structures, facilities, and utilities;

Performs other duties as assigned.

#### Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: principles of park management, visitor safety, and environmental, natural and/or cultural resource management; basic principles of building, equipment, and grounds keeping maintenance; effective communication techniques; first aid.

Ability to: perform physical tasks, including defensive tactics over an extended period of time; communicate effectively; maintain records and write accurate reports; learn and apply agency policies, rules and regulations; maintain a courteous, professional demeanor in dealing with visitors; lead others and maintain a productive and harmonious work environment; consistently present a fit and professional image; work outdoors in all types of weather; use a variety of hand and power tools; operate a wide range of equipment safely.

#### Minimum Qualifications

A Bachelors degree with at least 24 quarter/18 semester hours in parks and recreation or a natural resource field.

Experience in a natural resource or outdoor recreation field will substitute, year for year, for education provided that 24 quarter/18 semester hours in parks and recreation or a natural resource field have been attained.

NOTE: Applicants must possess a valid, unrestricted (other than corrective lenses) drivers license.

NOTE: Applicants must be at least 21 years of age at time of employment.

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