



Professional Development Opportunity for Teachers



Big Hole is one of the battles that occurred between the Nez Perce and the U.S. Army during the summer of 1877. The park is recruiting one teacher for the park's Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program to create a new Junior Ranger booklet.

The **Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) program** is a professional development opportunity where K-12 teachers spend 230 hours (6 weeks) during the summer acquiring new skills in experiential learning through a program provided by a partnership between the National Park Service and the University of Colorado Denver.

Benefits include \$3000.00 upon completion of program and graduate course requirements, 3 graduate credit hours through the University of Colorado Denver, and free park housing consisting of a private bedroom in a shared house, free Wi-Fi, and access to gym equipment. The TRT must provide his/her own transportation to the park. A personal vehicle is required in order to access recreational and shopping opportunities.

Duties consist of creating a new Junior Ranger booklet for the park. The booklet will include age appropriate activities for kids ages 5-13. It will also incorporate Montana Indian Education for All, history, and other relevant curriculum standards so that it can be used by teachers who bring their students to the park when a ranger is not available to give an education program. 160 hours will be dedicated to finishing this project. 45 hours of online coursework through the University of Colorado Denver and 35 hours of NPS operational experiences will round out the TRT experience.

The **Junior Ranger program** is an activity based program conducted in almost all parks. Interested youth complete a series of activities during a park visit, share their answers with a park ranger, and receive an official Junior Ranger badge.

Location: The Big Hole Valley in southwestern Montana is home to large working ranches. It is surrounded by the Beaverhead National Forest, which offers many outdoor recreation opportunities. The nearest village providing basic amenities is Wisdom, MT, which is located 10 miles east of the park with a population of 98 people. Several towns with full services are located within 65 – 85 miles of the battlefield.

To Apply: Please send the following information to the address listed below.

- Applicant name, home address, home/cell phone, email address.
- Applicant's school name, school district/state, school address, school phone, grade level and subject(s) taught, percentage of students eligible for free and reduce-priced lunches at applicant's school.
- 6 week period available between May and August, 2 professional references, and a letter of support from your principal or assistant principal.

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Deadline: Friday, April 14, 2017