What is a Teacher Ranger Teacher (TRT?)
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1. Provide teachers with place-based learning experiences

2. Provide access to the rich resources of the national parks for inclusion into classroom curricula

3. Provide teachers with new knowledge & skills related to the resources and themes interpreted in the NPS

4. Increase outreach to underserved students in rural and urban areas focusing on Title I and tribal schools.
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"Student interns" of the University of Colorado Denver. TRTs are NOT employees of the NPS nor CU Denver.

Program Elements: What are you committing to? 240 Total Hours

National Park Requirement: 35 hours NPS operations experience

Graduate Course Requirement: 3.0 credits (45 hours) online graduate coursework

Joint National Park & Course Requirement: 160 hours development of major education project for your National Park
How do I get enrolled in the program?

Step 1
• National Park sends their selected TRT's contact information, identify cohort start (June or July) and a copy of their park agreement to CU Denver (Ingrid.Summers@ucdenver.edu)

Step 2
• Once CU Denver receives the park agreement the TRT will receive a "Welcome Email" from CU Denver with the directions on completing enrollment in the program.

Step 3
• Submit your Trainee Agreement & Release Form and W-9 to CU Denver (Ingrid.Summers@ucdenver.edu)

Step 4
• Register for the graduate course

Step 5
• Enroll in the online course (Canvas Open) - you will be provided a link in an email after you register for the credits
Section 1: What is the goal of your project?

Section 2: Why is the project important to your National Park? What gap or enhancement will it serve?

Section 3: What will your final product include?
1. Type of project: Junior Ranger Book, Pre-visit/Post-visit lessons, etc.
2. Project Products will include... (Be precise, 5 lessons & identified topics for each lesson, 2 activities about...; a Junior Ranger Book pages/pamphlet, etc.
3. Provide clear objectives for each project product or activity
   Must be approved by NPS Site Coordinator, Week 2 of course.

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Section 4: Resource Collection/Gathering - Annotated Bibliography (minimum 3 resources)

Final product must be approved by NPS Site Coordinator, Week 5 of course
Requirements to receive $3000 stipend (Early October)

Submit

• Submit a Project Plan for a major educational project for your national park that is approved by your park coordinator and course facilitator (Week 2 of course)

Complete

• Complete all course activities and assignments within expected time frame

Submit

• Submit all Project Products that are approved by your park coordinator and course facilitator
Course Expectations

6-week course
• June Cohort: June 12 – July 30
• July Cohort: July 10 – August 20

Weeks run Monday to Sunday

Assignments **due each week by Sunday evening**

Major Assignments include:
• Digital presentation of your park (Week 1)
• **Project Plan (Weeks 2 & 3)**
• Final Project Products (Week 5)
• Final Project Video Presentation (Week 6)

Other learning activities include:
• Website explorations and guided notes
• Online resource share and discussions with other TRTers
For additional information...

Regarding the National Park aspect of the program, please contact
- Linda Rosenblum: Linda_Rosenblum@mps.gov

Regarding the Graduate course requirement through CU Denver, please contact
- Suzanne Arnold: Suzanne.arnold@ucdenver.edu

Regarding program enrollment, please contact
- Ingrid Summers: Ingrid.Summers@ucdenver.edu