



What is a Teacher Ranger Teacher (TRT)? Summer 2024

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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

Program Goals

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.

How do I get enrolled in the program?

Step 1

Step 1: National Park Responsibility

- National Park sends their selected TRT's contact information and a copy of their park agreement to CU Denver:
Ingrid.Summers@ucdenver.edu

Step 2

Step 2: CU Denver Responsibility

- 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

Step 3: TRT Responsibility

- TRT Submits:
 - Trainee Agreement & Release Form, and
 - W-9 to CU Denver (Ingrid.Summers@ucdenver.edu)

How do I get enrolled in the program?

Step 4: TRT Responsibility - Enroll in Canvas Open Course

- Enroll in the online course (Canvas Open) **no later than June 7th** - you will be provided a link to enroll via email after you submit Step 3 documentation.
- **This step gets you in the course shell**



Step 5: TRT Responsibility - Register for 3.0 Graduate Credits

- **Must be registered for the credits prior to June 10th**
 - Register for the graduate course – Documentation on how to register is provided in an email
 - **This step is for university purposes**; to obtain 3 graduate credits. This is **NOT** related to Canvas Open enrollment process
 - Complete Entrance Survey

Project Plan Requirements

Sections 1-3 Due July 7th

1: What is the goal of your project?

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](#), no later than July 7th

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Section 4 Due July 21st

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

[Project Plan Example: Sections 1-3](#)

[Project Plan Example: Section 4](#)

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

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

Course runs
June 10 – August 2

You must stay on pace with the course. You can work ahead and finish earlier than August 2nd

Assignments due on
Sunday evenings

June 16th, 23rd, July 7th, July 14th, July 21st, Aug. 2nd
Please plan accordingly if you have a vacation. You must stay on pace with the course.

Major Assignments
include:

Digital presentation of your park (June 23rd)
Project Plan: Sections 1-3 (July 7th)
Project Plan: Section 4 (July 21st)
Final Project Products (Aug. 2nd)

Other learning
activities include:

Website explorations and guided notes
Online resource share and discussions with other TRTers

Important Course/Program Links

[Graduate Credits](#)
[Registration](#)
[Documentation](#)

[TRT Entrance](#)
[Survey](#)

[Project Plan](#)
[Template](#)

[Park Coordinator](#)
[Sign-off on](#)
[Project Plan](#)

[Park Coordinator](#)
[Approval on Final](#)
[Project Products](#)

[TRT Exit Survey](#)

For additional information...

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Regarding the course requirements please contact

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Regarding program enrollment, course enrollment, graduate credit registration,
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