



Night Sky Program

Master Volunteer Astronomer 2011 Season Application

Please visit our AstroVIP website for current job description:
<http://www.nature.nps.gov/air/lightscapes/astrovip/>

Applicant Name:

Email Address:

Day / Evening Phone:

Address:

1. What is your current employment?
2. Are you a college student, 18 years or older as of May 2011? Yes No
3. Are you available for 4 weeks sometime in between May to October 2011?
 Yes No Dates available to work:
4. Have you been convicted of a felony? Yes No
(If Yes, please be prepared to explain during the phone interview process)
5. Rate your experience working with children:
 Novice Intermediate Advanced Expert
6. Describe your skills as an amateur astronomer:
 Novice Intermediate Advanced Expert
7. Are you a member of an amateur astronomy club?
 Yes, Club Name: No
8. Rate your experience with telescopes:
Use: Novice Intermediate Advanced Expert
Maintenance: Novice Intermediate Advanced Expert

9. Rate your experience finding objects in the night sky?

- Novice Intermediate Advanced Expert

10. Rate your experience with public speaking:

- Novice Intermediate Advanced Expert

11. This job has some physical requirements, such as setting up telescopes and standing a few hours during programs. Are you able to perform such tasks?

- Yes No (If No, please be prepared to explain during the phone interview process)

12. What other hobbies do you enjoy?

13. Please describe past job or volunteer experiences that have prepared you to share the night sky with the public:

14. Please describe any additional skills or experience you have in public communications:

15. Please provide references of those who can vouch for your work ethic:

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You may fill out and submit this form via Email to: Jiles@cira.colostate.edu

Or you may print out and mail it to: **Teresa G. Jiles**

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Phone interviews are held March 1 to May 1, 2011. If you have a date, time and phone number where you can be reached for a phone interview, you may fill in the box below, or Email it to Teresa Jiles when you do know:

A “park season” typically runs Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend. Parks located in warm climates will have a “winter season”, that runs October thru April.

A list of park assignments available is typically available after May 1st. Park assignments are determined by a number of factors, particularly by park housing availability. Park housing is scarce with shared living areas. Therefore many parks cannot accommodate spouses, family or pets. RV pads are more commonly available and can accommodate spouses and pets.

Please be aware there are many large parks that run their own programs and hire volunteers directly. Therefore, they do not commonly ask for additional “AstroVIPs”. Partial list of that hire independently are: Bryce Canyon, Chaco Canyon, and the Grand Canyon. Additionally parks that work only with local amateur clubs for astronomy volunteers are: Great Basin, Joshua Tree, Olympic, Rocky Mountain, Yellowstone and Yosemite.