



**Interpreter, Historic Site Assistant  
2012 SUMMER INTERNSHIP  
USDA FOREST SERVICE  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit**

**Subsistence of \$175/Week & Free Government Housing (On-Site in the old caretaker's cabin)**

**Openings: 2**

**Location: Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, CA**

**Hours: 5 Days/Wk, 40 Hours/Wk, 5/14/2012-10/10/2012**

**Site Description:**

The Tallac Historic Site (THS) is a historic site consisting of three estates located in South Lake Tahoe, CA within the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) of the Forest Service (FS). The USDA Forest Service is dedicated to 'Caring for the land and serving the people.' THS is managed by the Recreation Department, Interpretive Services and Heritage Resources Divisions of the LTBMU.

The three estates of the THS are dedicated to various purposes; educational, interpretive and a cultural events site for the town. The museum on the Baldwin Estate concentrates its focus on recreation within the Lake Tahoe Basin between 1850-1940, the significance of Elias J. "Lucky" Baldwin to the Tahoe area, and the related period of high class luxury. The second estate, the Pope Estate, provides an interpretive center that focuses on living history and historic house tours. The third estate, The Heller 'Valhalla' Estate, is not directly run by THS staff, a nonprofit uses the space, but daily interaction is common.

The site is run by one full time Forest Service (FS) staff member, one to two seasonal FS staff members, and various volunteer groups. The most important volunteer group is the RV volunteer contingent. They volunteer for one to four sessions of five weeks each from May to October and camp close to the site. Other volunteer groups include local volunteers, school groups, and various others throughout the summer.

**Job Qualifications:**

History, Museology, Recreation, Anthropology, Historic Preservation majors are encouraged to apply. Graduate experience preferred but not necessary. Applicants must have a demonstrated ability to work with minimal supervision. An interest in California history is a plus.

Importantly, the applicant must be able to walk long distances on somewhat uneven ground, and be comfortable with public speaking.

**Job Description:**

General duties will include providing historic house tours, kid & adult interpretive programs and staffing the museum. The intern is also responsible for troubleshooting the gift shop point-of-sale computer system, and reconciling the gift shop cash drawer at the end of the day. Office work, responding to visitors on the phone and in writing, filing, and helping with day to day tasks will also be an important part of the job. Individual projects will be assigned based on the

needs of the site, and the areas of interest of the intern. Because of the dynamic and historic nature of the site, job duties are often hard to determine and may change on a weekly basis. Interns are provided as much structure with their schedule as possible but some flexibility must be assumed. Please e-mail with any additional questions.

**Time Frame**

Priority will be given to applicants who can fill the entire operating season, 5/14/2012 to 10/10/2012. If no qualified applicant can fill this entire time, consideration will be given to two candidates who, together, can fill the time. In the application email or on your resume/CV prominently include what dates you will be available.

**How to Apply:** Send resume or CV by e-mail (preferred) or hard copy to the address below

**Deadline:** Open until filled, but applications are due before 2/15/12

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