Volunteer Opportunities with the Kootenai National Forest

Position: Campground Host

Rocky Gorge Campground, Rexford Ranger District, near Eureka Montana

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Dates: April through September

Difficulty: Average

Opportunity Description:

The campground hosts lives on-site at Rocky Gorge Campground and greets and welcomes campers, gives directions, explains rules and regulations and answers questions about the campground and surrounding area. The campground host will also perform minor maintenance on campground structures and signs and will clean and stock restrooms. Duties will also include painting and posting bulletin boards, cleaning fire rings, keeping records of visitation, etc. The host must be physically able to perform cleaning, some raking, shoveling and sweeping. The host is required to be on-site five days per week, especially on weekends and heavy use holidays.

Rocky Gorge is a large fee campground with 60 sites. This site has many individual sites but an average of only 12 sites are occupied at a time. Visitors are primarily local and from the visiting country of Canada that stay for the day or camp out over the weekend. Most users visit this area to launch their boat. The campground rests on the shores of Koocanusa Reservoir, popular for fishing and boating. Rocky Gorge Campground is located approximately 25 miles south of Eureka on Highway 37.

Housing: A host site electrical, water and sewer hookup suitable for an RV is provided for housing. A hand held radio is provided for contact with the Ranger District and emergency personnel.

Reimbursement: Volunteer is reimbursed $100/week per couple, mileage to nearest town one time week and propane and/or gas for generator.

A description of the Rocky Gorge Campground can be found at the following link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/kootenai/recreation

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