Olympic National Forest is recruiting applicants for two Wilderness Ranger internship positions starting June 5, 2017 through August 11, 2017. While dates are negotiable, interns must commit to working though the entire summer—40 hours per week. Interns will independently conduct educational patrols of the Forest’s wilderness areas—contacting visitors, collect field data & maintaining trails & campsites.

Training opportunities include Wilderness First Aid, use of primitive tools & wildlife monitoring. Interns will receive experience in natural resource management working on an inter-disciplinary team. Interns will live & work from Lake Quinault, Quilcene, and Hoodsport. This is an unpaid, volunteer position offering a field per-diem reimbursement of $90 per week, basic housing & an exceptional life experience.

For questions & to apply: contact Brian Pope at 360-765-2219.
Email a cover letter and resume to bpope@fs.fed.us before April 17, 2017

Internship Duties Include:
- Multi-day backpacking patrols up to 30 miles, in mountainous terrain. Patrols may occur in adverse weather
- Carrying a backpack and tools weighing up to 50 lbs.
- Providing visitors information on Wilderness ethics/regulations
- Trail maintenance using primitive tools
- Natural & cultural resources monitoring
- Sign installation and maintenance
- Invasive species identification
- Preparing written reports
- Other duties as assigned in support of the Wilderness and district programs

Desired Qualifications/Experience:
- GPS & basic GIS skills
- Self-starting & team-oriented leaders
- Excellent communication skills
- Job corps or other physically challenging work experience
- Organizing multi-day backpacking trips
- Orienteering skills with compass & map
- Knowledge of the Wilderness Act & Leave-No-Trace outdoor ethics
- Background in geography, ecology or physical science
- Proficient at keeping notes & writing patrol logs and reports
- Safety-minded individuals

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