CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

GRIFFITH PARK

PARK RANGER DIVISION

4730 Crystal Springs Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90027
(323) 644-6661

RECREATION INSTRUCTOR

Park Ranger Mounted Unit

HOURS AVAILABLE: Approximately 20 hours per week

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: Cares for horses assigned to the Los Angeles Park Ranger Mounted unit and serves as primary trainer for both horses and personnel assigned to the unit. Under the supervision of a Senior Park Ranger, recreation instructor is responsible for the exercising, feeding, watering, grooming, and basic medical needs of Division horses. Contacts veterinarian for necessary medical visits, arranges for shoeing, care and maintenance of bridal gear, saddles, and other equipment. Conducts ongoing training of horses, monitors their behavior, and makes necessary corrections. Trains new employees in the above tasks and provides ongoing training to all unit personnel. Prepares horses and riders for special events, interpretive presentations and patrols of City parks.

HOURS: Typically, five hours per day, four days per week

QUALIFICATIONS: Two years of full-time paid experience or equivalent in the care and maintenance of equine animals

Knowledge of:
- Common minor ailments, diseases and injuries of horses
- Hazards of working with large animals
- Techniques for handling and training
- Application of basic equine first aid
- Equine nutritional needs
- Effective safety principles and practices
- Techniques of training, instructing, and evaluating personnel
Ability to:

- Follow written and oral instructions
- Maintain facility in a neat and appropriate manner
- Observe and detect changes in the conditions of horses which may indicate illness or which affect the well-being of horses
- Work independently with minimal supervision
- Handle large animals
- Lift saddles, tack, and other items necessary for the care and use of equines
- Prepare equines for field details
- Drive a truck with horse trailer
- Transport equines to and from field events
- Ride horses on routine patrols and at special events
- Interact tactfully and professionally with the public
- Make presentations and provide information to school, youth, and other groups
- Prepare reports and keep operational records
- Act as a lead worker on matters related to equine care and training

TO APPLY:
Send resume to:
Griffith Park Ranger Station
C/O Sr. Park Ranger Adam Dedeaux
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LAST DAY TO APPLY: March 11, 2020