

South Dakota State Park Youth Ambassador

Quick overview of this volunteer position: Applications Due May 6th

Hey! Looking for a way to promote America's State Parks, Public Lands and healthy active outdoor lifestyles? Are you between the ages of 16 and 27?

A collaboration between America's State Parks and [Outdoor Nation](#), the Youth Ambassador program offers an exciting way for young people to explore the state parks in their state and help promote our country's state park system and public lands.

Youth Ambassadors will collaborate on a nationwide media and marketing program promoting all outdoor recreation in our state parks on all public lands.

The Ambassadors will work with Game Fish and Park staff and their own social networks to document their outdoor experiences.

In 2011, the youth-led revolution will spread across the country in an effort to build a movement and empower a generation to reconnect, redefine and rediscover the outdoors. This year's plans were unveiled by The Outdoor Foundation and America's State Parks, which was named national partner and top cause of the initiative. Building on the success of the 2010 Summit, Outdoor Nation will host 5 Regional Summits this year – bringing together thousands of young people to identify top issues, brainstorm creative ideas and commit to taking action, individually and collectively. The Summits will kick-off in New York City on June 23rd with a National Outdoor Nation Congress where youth from every state will gather to set a national agenda and action plan. Following this event, the 5 Regional Summits will take place throughout the summer. Locations include New York City, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Denver and San Francisco.

In South Dakota we are also looking for someone who will be willing to travel to Game, Fish and Park special events, write news articles, take pictures and do interviews on our behalf. You will be working closely with the visitor services team and education teams to help promote outdoor activities all across South Dakota. We are asking that our youth ambassador travel to our regional summit in Minneapolis which will be held the summer of 2011.

This is not a paid position, but approved travel will be paid by South Dakota State Parks. Applicants must be between the ages of 16-27. Hours will vary and will depend on the ambassador and the needs of the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Department. We are willing to split this position and have two youth ambassadors for the state. If you are interested please fill out the application below and send to:

Lynn Spomer,
SD State Parks
523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501

South Dakota State Park Youth Ambassador Application

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Are you between the ages of 16-27?

1. Briefly describe your educational and work backgrounds as they would relate to this position and why you are interested in volunteering for the department of Game Fish and Parks as a youth ambassador.
2. What is the greatest strength that you would bring to this position?
3. In what outdoor activities do you participate, and how could you promote these to other youth across the state?