

## **BACKCOUNTRY RANGER – WINTER**

*(Position Length: 12 weeks)*

Class Code: 9423

**SCOPE OF WORK:** This is maintenance and personal services work in meeting the public and performing various tasks necessary to properly maintain and protect land, buildings, facilities and natural resources of Baxter State Park locations within the remote backcountry area of Chimney Pond Campground, trails and surrounding areas. The distinguishing characteristic is the remote location and **winter conditions** in which the work being performed. Work includes park conservation activities, informing visitors of weather conditions and rules and regulations. Work is performed under the supervision of a Baxter Park Enforcement Ranger.

### **TYPICAL DUTIES:**

- Repairs buildings, tables, fireplaces, tools and equipment and maintains grounds, swimming areas, trails, rest rooms, and water systems in order to maintain campground facilities.
- Meets the public as required giving information on facilities, trail and weather conditions, regulations, park flora and fauna, appropriate use of park resources, and related information in order to perform public relations and safety duties.
- Collects necessary fees, assigns areas, and provides fuel and other services as required in order to administer campground.
- Patrols park in order to detect fires, ensure compliance with rules and regulations, and protect natural features.
- Records statistics and makes periodic reports in order to fulfill administrative responsibilities.
- Oversees the work of volunteers and others on a project basis in order to provide direction and ensure project is completed properly and in a timely manner.
- Initiates search and rescue activities in order to assist in locating lost or injured park visitors on remote backcountry or off-trail sites.
- Applies appropriate level of first aid to injured persons in order to provide emergency medical assistance.
- Backpacks food, personal supplies, work gear, and equipment to remote sites in order to serve as a sole source provider for possible unsafe or unusual incidents at work stations.
- Hike on hazardous, steep, rugged, rocky, muddy and remote terrain in order to transport supplies to outlying locations.
- Opens campgrounds and orders supplies at the beginning of season in order to prepare facility for operation and visitors.

- Closes campground at the end of the season in order to ensure facilities are properly protected against the weather.
- Works with other staff on projects in safe and efficient manner.

**KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:**

- ...Knowledge of the operation, care, and repair of park facilities and equipment.
- ...Knowledge of animal, fish, and plant life found in the areas.
- ...Knowledge of Wilderness Advanced First Aid (WAFA) including maintaining continuous medical care and using survival gear.
- ...Knowledge of Avalanche Rescue Evaluation.
- ...Knowledge of trails, topography, and accessible routes.
- ...Knowledge of wilderness and backcountry backpacking, camping, and hiking techniques and practices.
- ...Ability to respond to emergencies and apply the appropriate level of first aid in remote backcountry situations.
- ...Ability to use a compass, develop hiking maps, and operate other navigation equipment.
- ...Ability to use a variety of tools and equipment in the maintenance and repair of park facilities, equipment, grounds and buildings.
- ...Ability to work alone for extended periods of time in remote backcountry areas.
- ...Ability to represent the Park professionally, to give information regarding park facilities and regulations, and to look after the safety and welfare of visitors.
- ...Ability to follow oral and written instructions and keep simple records.
- ...Ability to patrol park and enforce regulations with firmness and tact.
- ...Ability to collect fees, make reservations, compile statistics, and prepare reports.
- ...Ability to perform mechanical maintenance on automotive and power equipment.
- ...Ability to use park radios, hand tools and other field equipment.
- ...Ability to frequently hike long distances to transport goods to remote mountainous areas within the Park.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent and two (2) years experience in park maintenance and operation or equivalent.

**LICENSING/REGISTRATION/CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Valid Class C Maine motor vehicle operator's license.  
 Must obtain Wilderness Advanced First Aid (WAFA), Baxter State Park Class B Chainsaw, Maine Search and Rescue Association or Equivalent Incident Command System Training (MESAR and ICS), and Level 1 Avalanche Rescue Evaluation certifications within six (6) months of date of hire.

**HOUSING INFORMATION:** Housing is provided at no cost to the employee. This is generally a simple camp **which will be shared with other employees, staff and occasional volunteers;** and which may or may not be at the actual work site. The

employee furnishes his/her own food and propane. (Propane available through the Park).

**EXAM PLAN:**

Direct Hire