

Summer Internship

Matanuska Glacier, Alaska - 2020



Now accepting applications for Summer Glacier Interns

The Matanuska Glacier Park is a family owned and operated glacier tourist business providing the only access to the beautiful Matanuska Glacier, one of the largest road-accessible glaciers in Alaska. Located 2 hours north of Anchorage, your daily 8-hr shift provides free time to enjoy Alaska's outdoor recreation during the ~20 hours of summer daylight (camping, biking, hiking, river rafting, ice climbing, etc.)

What we are seeking: Our Glacier Interns are entrusted with the responsibility for guiding clients on tours over the ice. We select for candidates with excellent people skills, strong work ethic, professionalism, prior outdoor experience, positive outgoing attitude, and an academic background in Earth Sciences or Life Sciences (geology, geophysics, geography, biology, environmental science, or similar fields). Candidates should have basic working knowledge of simple hand tools (hammer, rake, shovel, etc.), a current drivers license, and no criminal record. Any use of drugs, irresponsible alcohol consumption, or other reckless behavior will result in termination of employment. Dogs are not permitted.

What the job entails: During the summer, interns rotate among different shifts for the various intern jobs, including: glacier guide, general maintenance of the park and trails, cooking, firewood collection, cleaning, cashier/retail work in the gift shop, and occasionally other duties as assigned to support the park. Onboarding training will be provided as needed.

What we provide: Each position includes full time summer employment (40-hrs weekly) for \$500/month plus guides may earn tips from clients. We also provide meals, shower, laundry, and a nice spot to camp with your tent throughout the summer. If desired, arrangements can be made to earn paid vacation leave time. A training course is also offered by the onsite PhD Park Glaciologist to provide the background knowledge needed to lead glacier tours.

Dates: Summer internship positions start in mid-May and extend to early-September.



Last Summer's 2019 Intern Group:

- We hosted 10 interns from colleges across the US
- Students majored in environmental sciences, geology, biological sciences, glaciology, as well as some undeclared students seeking experience
- Three students pursued research at the glacier leading to Senior Projects and GSA publications!

How to Apply: Email your Cover Letter, Resume, and Reference Letters to blueice@mtaonline.net

- **Resume:** Your resume should include:
 - Biographical Data: name, address, phone number, email address, age (please don't include social security numbers or birth dates)
 - Academic History: include colleges or universities attended, majors & minors, GPAs, current expected graduation date
 - Employment History: provide your employment history along with other relevant experience including contact information (phone number and/or email) for past supervisors
- **Cover letter:** Your cover letter should explain:
 - Any knowledge, skills, and abilities that will make you stand out among other applicants
 - The start and end dates you are available this summer
 - Any foreign languages spoken
 - Any physical or medical conditions that may impact your work
 - Any other information we should consider
- **Letters of Reference**
 - Provide 2 character references, with one required from a faculty member at your university (include contact information for references)

