

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Applicants wanted for 5th Annual Artist in Residency Program

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) and the North Dakota Council on the Arts are partnering for the 5th Annual Artist in Residency program within the state parks.

The Artist in Residency program offers artists the opportunity to stay and work in these unique environments for one week where they'll have the opportunity to draw inspiration from a park, demonstrate their skills and assist park visitors of all ages in discovering their artistic side. The program's goal is to continue creating works of art that showcase, document and celebrate North Dakota state parks while providing opportunities for visitors to become stewards, with a deeper appreciation of works inspired by the state parks. It is hoped the artworks generated from this program will characterize the state's beauty for present and future generations, giving park visitors an opportunity to see North Dakota through the eyes and ears of contributing artists.

Selected artists are invited to stay at Cross Ranch State Park Aug. 11-18, Fort Ransom State Park July 28-Aug. 4 or Lewis and Clark State Park July 21-28 as a collaborative effort to incorporate arts into the interpretive and educational activities presented by NDPRD. The program is recruiting writers, composers, visual and performing artists to experience North Dakota's state parks and resources, allowing them to illustrate their experiences through their talents while providing opportunities for park visitors to participate in hands-on workshops. The program is for serious professionals who deeply care about state parks, wanting to contribute to them as well as benefit from them.

Applications are being accepted through Friday, May 31, 2013. Applicants must be current North Dakota residents. Participating artists are required to donate a piece of art representing their style and reflecting their residency to the park's collection. In addition, each artist will provide a minimum of two onsite presentations, one of them being a hands-on workshop providing park visitors an opportunity to try out the artist's skills, methods and/or tools. Funding is available to purchase materials for the workshops. Artists will be provided with either a cabin or modern campsite for the duration of their residency, depending upon the state park. A \$1,200 stipend will be awarded to the selected artists upon the completion of the residency program.

Applications can be found online at www.parkrec.nd.gov or by contacting Amy Schimetz via email aschimetz@nd.gov or calling (701) 263-4514.