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**Friends of Acadia Conservation Projects Manager
Bar Harbor, Maine**

Friends of Acadia seeks a motivated and dynamic individual to join our staff as a full-time Conservation Projects Manager. This is a new position, created to work closely with Acadia National Park staff, partners in the surrounding communities, and FOA volunteers and members to develop and implement projects involving youth education and involvement in the park; trails and carriage roads; and community conservation and outreach. This position will report to FOA's Conservation Director.

Primary Responsibilities:

1. Oversee programmatic direction and staffing for FOA of existing programs involving youth and education undertaken in partnership with Acadia National Park, such as the Acadia Youth Technology Team; the FOA Ridge Runners and Recreation Technicians; the Acadia Youth Conservation Corps; and the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program.
2. Lead implementation of FOA's work to support Acadia's trails and carriage roads, including hiring and managing seasonal field crew leaders and serving as staff to volunteer committees; working with park leadership on strategizing and prioritizing new and existing trail projects for FOA funding and involvement; organizing community events such as National Trails Day and Take Pride in Acadia Day.
3. Research and develop new FOA initiatives that may include scholarships for school group travel or ranger programs at Acadia; Summit Stewards at popular destinations like Cadillac Mountain; expanded residential program opportunities at the Schoodic Education and Research Center and elsewhere in Acadia; and development of outdoor classrooms and curriculum linking local schools with Acadia.
4. Provide support and assistance to the FOA Conservation Director on community partnerships and programmatic priorities, including: resource protection initiatives, such as invasive species management, watershed restoration, and night sky protection; transportation initiatives, such as the Island Explorer bus system or car-free opportunities for enjoying Acadia; planning for the celebration of Acadia National Park's Centennial in 2016.
5. Build, cultivate, and strengthen FOA's brand, reputation and relationships throughout the community and within the Park Service by being a trusted representative of the organization in public forums, partner meetings, and personal interactions of all kinds.
6. Coordinate with FOA's fundraising, communications, and advocacy departments to effectively spread the word and help garner interest and support for the organization's programmatic priorities. This could involve working with the media or assisting with grant writing or reporting.

The above responsibilities will require strong organizational and interpersonal skills to manage diverse interests and problem-solve around complex issues regarding the enjoyment and protection of Acadia. A strong candidate should possess:

- A passion for national parks and Acadia;
- Outstanding communication skills;

- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team;
- Several years of direct work experience in a related field, ideally conservation, education or non-profit related;
- Experience developing and managing budgets and meeting deadlines;
- Sense of humor.

The Conservation Projects Manager is a salaried, year-round position with the need for occasional weekend and evening work. FOA offers a competitive compensation package, values diversity in the workplace, and does not discriminate in any way in its hiring decisions.

If you are interested in being considered for the Friends of Acadia Conservation Projects Manager position, please send a cover letter and resume by **April 15, 2014** to:

Search Committee – Conservation Projects Manager
Friends of Acadia
P.O. Box 45
Bar Harbor, ME 04609

Electronic applications are encouraged; please email the above written materials in PDF format to info@friendsofacadia.org and note Conservation Project Manager Search Committee in your subject line.

Friends of Acadia is an independent nonprofit organization, founded in 1986. Its mission is to preserve the outstanding natural beauty, ecological vitality and cultural distinctiveness of Acadia National Park and the surrounding communities, and thereby to ensure high quality experiences for visitors and residents. We accomplish this mission through a combination of philanthropy, volunteerism, advocacy, and program innovation, thanks to a dedicated staff and board, and the support of thousands of members and volunteers. Website: <http://friendsofacadia.org>

