



is Hiring for our 2019 Summer Season May-Oct. (2-3 month commitment)

Join the Dark Rangers® for an exciting summer job entertaining paying guests from around the globe with our BIG telescopes, in Southern Utah – the darkest skies left in North America.

Company Profile

We are a family business of amateur astronomers, park rangers, and educators, dedicated to increasing astronomy literacy and heightening awareness about the importance of protecting natural darkness. Year-round, we staff both a public and a private observatory with a total of 10 [BIG telescopes](#). Though occasionally we handle groups up to 150 people, our normal nightly max is 42 guests at the public observatory, and 9 at the private facility. We strive to get the ratio of telescopes to guests below 1:7 as per our mantra, “More time viewing, less time queueing.”

Nightly Format

Tours begin with 20-30 minutes of telescope practice in the twilight where we use planets, binaries, and bright clusters to teach guests how to adjust the focus for their exact vision. Then, while we wait for the sky to become fully dark, we do a live PowerPoint-type presentation, (aka “the show”) about some aspect of astronomy with a light pollution message. This is followed by a short 7-10 minute laser constellation tour, giving the guests time for their eyes to readjust to the darkness. The rest of the 2.5-hour experience is spent at a second telescope session, looking at deep space objects.

Location: The [Dark Ranger Observatory](#) is on the western boundary of world-famous Bryce Canyon National Park.
<https://goo.gl/maps/ZGcMFyoRAeC2>



Job Description

Dark Rangers® perform three types of work, each with different pay rates. Nobody has to work all three. But because we are only open for business 4 hours each night, to make a full-time job of it (to get 32-40/hrs per week) you will need to do more than one.

Presenter: You do the PowerPoint show (ideally of your own making) and coordinate the work of the rest of the staff for the night, while also functioning as a telescope operator yourself. \$21/hr

Telescope Operator: You setup, operate, and take down, 1-2 telescopes, providing fun and educational information about the objects you are showing guests. \$15/hr

Laborer/Clerk/Driver: This is a catch-all category which includes work-options from everything from staffing our gift shop (coming soon), updating our social media accounts, doing non-technical carpentry, to operating a dump truck. \$10/hr.

How to Apply?

Email your resume and copy of college transcripts to darkrangertelescopetours@gmail.com Selection preference will be given to applicants who can document the most work history, education, or hobby experience in the types of skills mentioned above.

Note: Please mention in your resume if you have a significant other who is also applying. **DEADLINE: Monday, April 15**

Housing

We provide a 24 ft. comfortable camp trailer with full kitchen and bathroom, rent and utility free. Our facility is off-grid, and since we rely on solar panels and a small gasoline generator, employee must practice good energy conservation. WiFi is available through a Verizon hotspot and cell phone service is strong for all major carriers. Laundry services are available at a nearby campground. Panguitch, UT is the closest full-service town 23 miles away. There is a taxi service in the area, but having your own car is preferable.