



RMC Education Fellow Sample Summer Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Off	Off	Office Day Team Meeting Individual Check-In	Program Prep Day	Scenic Ecology Bus Tour	AM Program Prep PM Pop-Up Program	RMNP Interp. Shift: AM at the Front Desk, PM in the park for programs

A typical summer schedule includes a mix of time in the office to prepare and time outdoors delivering programs in the park. Work hours are typically 8am to 4:30pm, with a half-hour lunch break. Some programs start earlier or run later. Flexibility is essential.

Exact schedules depend on the specific programs assigned to each individual during the first weeks of their fellowship. Requests for private or custom programs and other special events may cause changes to program assignments and work schedules on short notice.

Program assignments will also change throughout the fellowship as programming changes to meet the needs of distinct groups of visitors. Peak summer programs cater to general audiences, family groups, and adult learners. Fall programs also include field trips for school-age children.



RMC Education Fellow Example Work Activities

Late April:

- Familiarization with the Conservancy and Rocky Mountain National Park,
- Begin planning individual projects and programs.

Early May: Two-week training with RMNP Education and Interpretation seasonal staff members.

Late May: Continued park familiarization and program preparation (including driver training).

June, July, and early August:

- Prepare for and lead Guided Hikes and Scenic Ecology Bus Tours,
- Develop and deliver pop-up programs at the Estes Park Visitor Center,
- Work shifts at a RMNP Visitor Center or Jr. Ranger HQ,
- Shadow Field Institute courses and other Conservancy outreach programs,
- Support select volunteer events in coordination with park staff,
- Work on independent projects throughout the summer months.

Late August: Two-week training with RMNP Environmental Education Team for school field trips.

September and early October:

- Support school field trips with park Environmental Education team,
- Lead Fall Color Elk Ecology bus tours,
- Support select fall volunteer projects,
- Complete individual projects and fellowship off-boarding tasks.

Education Fellows should expect to participate in some, but not necessarily all, of the programs listed above. For example, fellows may lead bus tours but not guided hikes, and vice versa. All fellows will train with Conservancy and park teams, develop and deliver pop-up programs at the Estes Park Visitor Center, and support school field trips in the fall. Other assignments will depend on the individual's specific skills, interests, and professional development goals.