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Community Volunteer Ambassador – Pinnacles National Park

Location: Paicines, CA

Position Details:

Stewards Individual Placements provides individuals with service and career opportunities to strengthen communities and preserve our natural resources. The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) Program combines the strength of a national leader in conservation service with the National Park Service to train a diverse group of emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to local communities.

The CVA will lead volunteers in weekly service events open to the public, projects ranging from backcountry trail restoration to vegetation picking to scouting programs. By leading programs and events outside the park, the CVA will grow the connections to many local park partners, universities, and service organizations. The CVA will also learn and assist with long-term volunteer management, and have the opportunity to train and shadow in other park divisions and other National Parks.

Site Description:

Pinnacles National Park is a small park and federal wilderness, between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and between the Sierra Nevada mountains and the ocean. Most visitors come to the park for the towering rock spires the park was named for, the rugged talus cave hiking trails, and to spot the incredibly large and incredibly rare California Condors. The park also has spectacular night skies, annual sprawling wildflower blooms, and the greatest density of bee species diversity in the world.

While Pinnacles has been a National Monument since 1908, it was only re-designated a National Park in 2013, making 2023 our 10-year anniversary! The CVA will help plan and lead events all year in celebration, in addition to helping manage and grow the increasingly popular volunteer program. In the last ten years since becoming a National Park, the park has exploded in popularity. The park has several teams of dedicated volunteers that give thousands of hours of their time every year, and we plan to grow these long-term volunteer opportunities as well as create service-learning events for the public to engage in to meet the interest of the many people only just discovering their passion for Pinnacles and in volunteer service for public lands.

Position Responsibilities:

- Plan and lead volunteer service programs and events inside the park.
- Work with community organizations to bring new volunteers to park service events.
- Operate with safety first in mind at all times.
- Help track and recognize volunteers for their service.
- Think creatively about personal projects and interests while in the position, and work to craft elements that support the CVA's individual goals.

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in fall/winter 2022/2023
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Be 18-30 years old at time of service (veterans up to 35 years old)
- High school diploma or GED
- Must be outgoing and able to speak to groups.



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- Responsible and not dependent on constant oversight; Capable of working with minimal guidance.
- Fluent Spanish speaking ability.
- Submit proof of a Driver's License and undergo a Federal Background Check, upon selection
- US Citizen, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the United States

Preferred Qualifications:

- Ability to prioritize and complete tasks.
- Experienced with volunteering, community organizing, working with diverse groups of people.
- Primary-language fluency with Spanish language preferred.

Additional Information:

- Uncommon but occasional assistance with after-hours events, like Star Gazing Parties, may require daily hours adjustments.
- Position will require working most Saturdays.
- Duty location is remote and will require applicant to have a personal vehicle.
- Park housing offered inside the park, part of a very small community of employee residents; CVA will get their own bedroom in a small dormitory with a shared bathroom.
- Training opportunities, both inside the park and involving other parks, are possible and dependent on CVA's interests and projects.

Benefits:

- CVA will receive a weekly stipend of **\$500** (additional \$65/week, if housing is not provided)
- Housing available
- Limited health care/childcare benefits
- The position is eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award \$6,345.00 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of the program
- Professional development funds
- Networking opportunities within the National Park Service and partnering organizations
- Public Land Corps Hiring Authority

How to Apply

The CVA position will start on **Monday, September 12th, 2022**, and run for 50 weeks until Friday, August 25th 2023. Applicants will need to apply here: [CVA Member Application 2022-2023 \(September Cohort\) \(jotform.com\)](#) and attach a cover.

Please ensure your cover letter addresses the specific requirements and position details for this park.

You may submit one application for multiple positions by selecting all sites and attaching the necessary cover letters.

Applications Deadline

Please submit your application by Friday, July 15th to ensure full consideration.

For Application Questions:

Please contact Geoff Elliot, Program Director at gelliot@conservationlegacy.org



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