



Community Volunteer Ambassador – Catoclin Mountain Park

Location: Thurmont, Maryland

Position Details:

Stewards Individual Placements, a program of Conservation Legacy, 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 communities.

The CVA position will help the park to reach diverse audiences and create a larger footprint in the local community through community outreach.

Site Description:

Catoclin Mountain Park is a blend of natural and cultural resources reflecting a multitude of transformational periods in our country's history on the Appalachian mountain landscape. The park's volunteer program includes visitor services, maintenance, resource protection, administration, and cabin camps

Position Responsibilities:

- Community outreach through local colleges and universities
- Assisting the volunteer coordinator with program operations, service projects, and administrative duties
- Assist staff with interpretive park programming
- Engaging community partners and educational institutions to build sustainable relationships

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- CVA candidate must possess great teamwork skills
- A welcoming, friendly, and respectful personality in the workplace
- Willingness to learn park operations
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in late March/early April 2024 (date TBD)
- 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/GED
- Pass fingerprint-based FBI, state criminal, and a national sex offender checks.
- Be able to provide proof of a driver's license and complete a MVR check
- Must be over 21 years old or have had license for at least 3 years to be insured in this position

Preferred Qualifications:

- Public speaking and communication skills with colleagues and visitors
- Ability to engage a public audience in a variety of settings, including park trails, visitor stations, and a classroom
- Ability to work with visitors, volunteers, and park staff of all ages

Additional Information:

Catoclin Mountain Park provides a wide variety of opportunities to work with cultural and natural resources of the eastern Appalachian region, while also encouraging operational leadership and career development.



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Benefits:

- CVA will receive a weekly stipend of **\$600** (an additional \$150/week in housing allowance will be provided, if housing is not available at the site)
- Limited health care/childcare benefits
- The position is eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award \$6,895.00 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of the program
- \$1,200 in professional development funds for training, networking, conferences, and/or travel.
- Networking opportunities within the National Park Service and partnering organizations
- Public Land Corps Hiring Authority
- Week-long in-person training at NPS site with travel/meal expenses covered.

How to Apply

Please visit [Community Volunteer Ambassador \(cvinternships.org\)](https://cvinternships.org) to review "Member Positions" by region and find instructions on how to apply.

The CVA position will start on **Monday, January 22nd, 2024**, and run for 48 weeks until Friday, December 20th, 2024. Applicants will need to apply here: <https://form.jotform.com/StewardsIPP/cva-member-application-winter-2024>. Application form requires a resume, cover letter, professional references.

Please ensure your cover letter addresses how your experience aligns with the CVA program, your experience working with diverse populations, and position details for this park/position. You may submit one application for multiple positions by selecting all sites you are interested in.

Applications Deadline

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. First review will occur in early November. Final deadline is **Sunday, December 10th, 2023**.

For Application Questions:

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

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