**PLEASE NOTE: All applications must be submitted through this link - https://form.jotform.com/StewardsIPP/cva-member-application-2027**

**Position Title: Community Volunteer Ambassador** – AmeriCorps

**Conservation Legacy Program:** Stewards Individual Placements

**Site Location:** Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument

756 Battlefield Tour Road, Crow Agency, MT 59022

**Terms of Service:**

- **Start Date: 2/22/2027**
- **End Date: 2/4/2028**
- **AmeriCorps Slot Classification: 1700 Hours (50 Weeks)**

**Purpose:**

Stewards Individual Placements (Stewards), a program of Conservation Legacy, provides individuals with AmeriCorps service and career opportunities to strengthen communities and preserve our natural resources. Participants serve with federal agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofits to provide institutional capacity, develop community relationships, and support ecosystem health. The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) Program combines the strength of a national leader in conservation service with the National Park Service to train emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to communities.

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is located on the plains of Montana and sees around 250,000 visitors annually. Often said to be one of most written about battles in U.S. History, this site is historically important to 19 affiliated Tribal Nations, stakeholders, military veterans, local communities, and amateur historians. Little Bighorn Battlefield is in a two-year process to rebuild the volunteer program, tapping into the above listed communities to increase the volunteer presence on site, while also increasing outreach to the general public. Through this focused effort, Little Bighorn Battlefield is looking to

provide more opportunities for education and outreach to the general public and continue volunteer events that help maintain these historically significant resources.

**Description of Duties:**

The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) will be a member of the interpretation and education team. They will serve closely with the Interpretation / Volunteer Program Manager and Lead Interpreter to identify strategies on increasing community engagement and volunteer recruitment related to three identified demographic groups / partnerships currently underrepresented: local youth engagement, tribal engagement, and veteran engagement. Serving with the Lead Interpreter, the CVA will contribute to an off-site outreach plan to maximize impact and transform one-off engagement into longer lasting relationships and partnerships. Little Bighorn Battlefield is a small team and the CVA will have the opportunity to be a contributing voice in planning and strategy meetings related to the volunteer and interpretation program while increasing skills related and tailored to National Park Service or Federal Land jobs.

**Responsibilities:**

- Build Local Community Partnerships by representing the park in community events.
- Assist in recruiting and tracking volunteer opportunities through online platforms like volunteer.gov.
- Help launch new virtual volunteer opportunities.
- Plan and coordinate community programs / events at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument.

**Qualifications:**

- Outgoing and Friendly
- Self-Starter and a strong work ethic
- Inquisitive and interesting in learning new things
- Professional and experience representing an organization
- United States citizen, United States national, or a lawful permanent resident alien
- Applicants must be between ages of 18-30 years old, or up to 35 for veterans, based on Public Land Corps Act of 1993 authorizing this AmeriCorps opportunity.
- Has received a high school diploma or equivalency certificate; or has not dropped out of elementary or secondary school to enroll as an AmeriCorps participant, and agrees to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to using the education award
- Agrees to provide information to establish eligibility and to complete a National Service Criminal History Check.

**Preferred Qualifications**

- Experience engaging general public
- Discussing controversial subjects
- Public speaking
- Effective Communication Skills
- Experience with online platforms

**Our Commitment:**

*Conservation Legacy is committed to the full consideration of all qualified individuals and will ensure that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations to perform essential job functions. Physical requirements may include periodic overnight travel, non-traditional work hours, ability to move across varied terrain, use program-specific tools and a range of technology on an infrequent or frequent basis. Exerting up to 25 pounds of force occasionally to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects. The ability to safely drive an organizational vehicle may also be required for some positions. If you need assistance and/or reasonable accommodation due to a disability during the application or recruiting process, please send a request to Vanessa Morrison at vmorrison@conservationlegacy.org*

**Time Requirements:**

- Typically, this position is expected to serve 40 hours per week, but exact service schedules may vary. A half hour lunch break will not be counted towards AmeriCorps service
- Member may be required to participate in national, state, or local service projects or events as part of their service term.

**Orientation and Training:**

- Member will receive an orientation that includes training on AmeriCorps prohibited and unallowable activities.
- Week-long, in-person training on NPS Volunteer Program Management and leadership schools.
- Year-long Continuum of Learning supporting participant professional development.
- $750.00 in Professional Development Funds for travel and training.

**Additional Position and Community Information:**

Housing will be provided by the park. It will consist of a furnished shared, three-bedroom house. The CVA will have their own bedroom. WiFi is provided and cell phone service is strong. Housing is behind a gate and there is no public access to the park outside of park operational hours. There is a flock of wild turkeys that are often seen from park housing.

Schedule will include weekends and holidays.

The park can be considered remote with the nearest grocery store 20 minutes away. A vehicle will be required. Although remote, the park is centrally located to a variety of other national parks and recreation areas that many seasonal staff take advantage of visiting during their time employed. For example, both Yellowstone National Park and Devil's Tower are three hours driving.

Little Bighorn Battlefield is part of the Powder River group that consists of Devil's Tower, Fort Laramie, and Big Horn Canyon. Cross-over service may be possible, depending on CVA's interests.

**Benefits:**

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of $7,395.00
- Living Allowance of $700.00 per week.
- Healthcare Coverage if Eligible
- Childcare Coverage if Eligible
- Loan forbearance if Eligible
- Interest Payments if Eligible
- 10 Federal Holidays, 10 Days Personal Leave, 10 Days Sick Leave

**Evaluation and Reporting:**

As an AmeriCorps member, performance will be evaluated on whether the member has completed the required number of hours, the member has satisfactorily completed assignments, and if the member has met other performance criteria that were clearly communicated at the beginning of the term of service.

Reporting requirements include, but are not limited to, bi-weekly timesheets and accomplishment tracking.

**Program Contact Information:**

Please contact James Gasaway at the contact information below with any questions.

Stewards Contact information: James Gasaway, jgasaway@conservationlegacy.org

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*We also consider qualified applicants regardless of criminal histories, consistent with legal requirements. If you need assistance and/or reasonable accommodations due to a disability during the application or recruiting process, please send a request to the hiring manager.*