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Community Volunteer Ambassador – Whiskeytown National Recreation Area

Location: Whiskeytown, CA

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.

This Climate CVA position at Whiskeytown will play an integral role in further professionalizing and expanding the park-wide volunteer program.

Site Description

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area was established in 1965 to protect Whiskeytown Lake and surrounding habitat and to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for the people of the United States. The park protects an immensity of over 1100 different native plant species and preserves historic sites associated with the Wintu People and California Gold Rush. Whiskeytown is visited by around one million people each year. Visitors primarily enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and camping. The vast majority of the park has been restored and reopened from the 2018 Carr Fire which burned 97% of the national recreation area and destroyed over 100 structures.

Whiskeytown has volunteers that help support the park's ranger-led kayak and stand-up paddleboard programs, staff the Visitor Center, conduct living history interpretation, remove invasive plants, and maintain trails. The park also hosts several volunteer groups each year.

Position Responsibilities:

- Spearhead a monthly trail restoration volunteer day program to help clear park trails as quickly as possible.
- Expand the number of interpretive volunteers at Tower House Historic District to help deter illegal activity and increase visitor appreciation of the site.
- Increase the number of natural resource management volunteers focused within the following fields: invasive plant removal, native plant propagation, water quality monitoring, weather station recording, etc.
- As a paid staff member, participate in at least one outside-the-park community volunteer event per month to promote a positive public image of the park in the community.
- Coordinate and facilitate at least six large volunteer events.
- Table at approximately 15 community events and provide information to the public about the park and its volunteer opportunities.
- Serve as the park's primary spokesperson and champion of volunteers and volunteer opportunities.
- Research, write, and publish a once-a-month volunteer newsletter to keep park volunteers abreast of park happenings.

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Must be friendly and must work well with others.
- Must be able to hike on strenuous trails up to five miles and carry a heavy backpack with gear at the same



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time.

- Must be okay with working in the heat and in the outdoors.
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in March 2025 (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:

- First Aid, CPR, AED.
- Drivers License.
- The employee should be comfortable with public speaking.

Additional Information:

- The Climate CVA will work weekends on either a Tuesday through Saturday or Wednesday through Sunday schedule.
- Housing will be provided. You will have your own bedroom in a house or apartment with shared kitchen, living room, and bathroom. House has internet, smart TV, and washer/dryer.

Benefits:

- **\$600/week living stipend.**
- \$150/week in housing allowance, if housing is not provided.
- Limited health care/childcare benefits
- The position is eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award \$7,395.00 (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 \(cva.ambassadors.org\)](https://cva.ambassadors.org) to review "Member Positions" by region and find instructions on how to apply.

The CVA position will start on **Tuesday, January 21**, and run for 48 weeks until Friday, December 19, 2025.

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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 8, 2024.**



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For Application Questions:

Please contact James Gasaway, Program Director at jgasaway@conservationlegacy.org

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