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Community Volunteer Ambassador - Yosemite National Park

Location: El Portal, CA

Program 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.

Community Volunteer Ambassadors (CVAs) support Volunteer-in-Parks programs at National Park Service sites nationwide. This ranges from National Park, National Monuments, National Battlefields, National Historic Sites, National Recreation Areas, and more. The Community Volunteer Ambassador Program was developed to support NPS sites in connecting with their local communities through service and to provide young adults with a professional development opportunity within the National Park Service. CVAs provide capacity for NPS sites to establish community partnerships, develop new volunteer opportunities, and build volunteer program resources.

Site Information

Yosemite National Park is a large wilderness park, one of the national park system's crown jewels. Our volunteer program is large and complex, with hundreds of individual volunteers, thousands of group participants, and exciting events such as the Yosemite Facelift. The CVA will join a full-time Assistant Volunteer Coordinator along with full-time Volunteer Program Manager, to administer and improve a challenging and inspiring operation.

Position Summary

Join Yosemite's Volunteer Program for a 50-week full time position to strengthen communities and preserve natural resources through stewardship and outreach. Assist with office work and coordinate volunteer groups with multiple divisions to accomplish meaningful park projects. Interns create and maintain efforts that are inclusive, equitable, and accessible to all who wish to volunteer. Yosemite National Park is best known for its waterfalls, but within its nearly 1,200 square miles, you can find deep valleys, grand meadows, ancient giant sequoias, a vast wilderness area, and much more.

Position Responsibilities:

- Recruit individual volunteers & volunteer groups using a variety of platforms
- Lead volunteer projects in the field
- Coordinate stewardship events such as National Public Lands Day
- Advocate for volunteer work with other NPS divisions
- Evaluate and participate in planning for the Yosemite Volunteer Program
- Perform targeted outreach for volunteers from a diverse background

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Familiarity with schedule management, outreach, marketing, or related field
- Previous experience leading groups of children and/or adults in the outdoors
- Interest in social and environmental justice
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in early April 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)



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- 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

- Experience with public speaking
- Proficiency with the Spanish language
- Community outreach and communications experience
- Experience leveraging social media for public engagement
- Prior experience working with volunteers or as a volunteer
- Prior experience working with tribal communities and historically underserved communities
- Local resident and familiarity with the local community
- 2- or 4-year college degree

Benefits:

- CVA will receive a weekly stipend of **\$500** (additional \$65/week, if housing is not provided)
- Limited health care/childcare benefits
- The position is eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award \$6,495.00 (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
- Week-long in-person training at NPS site with travel/meal expenses covered.

Additional Information

- May require some weekend and/or evening work
- Shared housing provided in El Portal, CA
- Position is rurally located; driver's license and car strongly recommended

How to Apply

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

The CVA position will start on **Monday, February 6th, 2023**, and run for 50 weeks until Friday, January 19th 2024. Applicants will need to apply here: <https://form.jotform.com/StewardsIPP/cva-member-application>. 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

Please submit your application by **Friday, December 9th** to ensure full consideration.

For Application Questions:

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



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