



# BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE

OCHOPEE, FL

## STEWARDS INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS

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Stewards Individual Placements provides individuals with service and career opportunities to strengthen communities and preserve our natural resources. Stewards, in partnership with the National Park Service, are seeking an intern to serve as Community Volunteer Ambassador.

## POSITION DETAILS

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- Length: position is 50 weeks, 40 hours/week
- Start Date: Monday, February 7th 2022
- Living Allowance: Baseline allowance of \$500/week\*
- AmeriCorps Award: \$6,345 (pre-tax)
- Application Due Date: **01/07/2022, or Until Filled**
- Members will attend a week-long, nationwide, National Early Service Training
- Members will receive Public Land Corps Hiring Authority upon completion

## ABOUT THE SITE

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The freshwaters of the Big Cypress Swamp, essential to the health of the neighboring Everglades, support the rich marine estuaries along Florida's southwest coast. Conserving over 729,000 acres of this vast swamp, Big Cypress National Preserve contains a mixture of tropical and temperate plant communities that are home to diverse wildlife, including the Endangered Florida panther.

## POSITION SUMMARY

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The Community Volunteer Ambassador will play a critical role in integrating the Preserve into the greater Naples community by leveraging current community partnerships and helping to forge new ones. They will assist the Volunteer Coordinator in their efforts to expand the volunteer corps at Big Cypress National Preserve. This position will regularly work networking within the community, recruiting new volunteers, having discussions about creative service projects, and generally sharing information about the Preserve, especially with under-represented communities.

## POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Through outreach efforts, create awareness of the Preserve within the community as a place to learn and recreate
- Network with the broader community to recruit volunteers and invite visitors to the Preserve
- Work closely with the Off-Preserve Support Team to set up for special volunteer events and staff tables
- Provide administrative support to the Volunteer Coordinator
- Assist the Volunteer Coordinator in the planning and execution of the Annual Volunteer Recognition Event

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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- Reliable and honest, with good teamwork skills
- Access to reliable transportation
- High School diploma or GED required
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Be 18-30 years old (35 years old if you are a veteran)
- Be willing and able to commit to a year of full-time work
- Be willing to occasionally work weekends and odd hours
- Submit proof of a Driver's License and undergo a Federal Background Check, upon selection
- It is very likely that all participants will be required to be fully vaccinated to serve in the 2022 CVA Program. At a minimum participants will be required to get tested weekly if they are not vaccinated. Dates for implementing these requirements are not yet determined, but we expect that compliance will be necessary by the end of 2021

## PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

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- Ideal applicant will have an outgoing and affable personality
- Local candidates within commuting distance of the park and with knowledge of local communities are preferred
- Strong public speaking skills and effective communication skills

## HOUSING

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Park housing will be available.

\*If site is unable to provide housing at no cost, up to \$65/week may be allocated to support rent

## HOW TO APPLY

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Apply online [HERE](#). In addition to your resume, please submit a one page cover letter highlighting why you are interested in this position and how your background and experience will help you succeed in this position.

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