



Community Volunteer Ambassador – Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site

Location: Little Rock, AR

Position 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.

The CVA will be a vital addition to a dedicated team at Little Rock Central High School NHS (CHSC) and will collaborate with the interpretive division on projects related to visitor services, stewardship opportunities and service programming throughout the local community.

Site Description:

Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site interprets the heroic story of the Little Rock Nine, the struggle to maintain segregation, and the surging tide of the civil rights movement.

In September 1957, angry mobs, the governor of Arkansas and the Arkansas National Guard blocked two attempts by African American students to enter and integrate the school. Later dubbed by the media as the Little Rock Nine, this group of students succeeded on their third attempt. They entered classes on September 25, 1957, escorted by the 101st Airborne, which had been ordered by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to enforce the ruling and prevent interference with court orders of integration.

Our park's capacity to manage additional volunteers exists through the support of our superintendent, division chiefs and management team. There is a strong commitment here to increase both the number of resident and event-based volunteers; a CVA would help the volunteer coordinator with additional outreach and training needed to recruit and onboard additional volunteers.

Position Responsibilities:

- Identify, recruit, and train needed volunteer positions to support critical park functions including visitor services, interpretation, and resource stewardship
- Create or strengthen existing partnerships to provide service opportunities, programming, and work-service events to benefit the park's operational and educational mission
- Represent the site and the National Park Service in professional development courses, virtual programming, and outreach opportunities in line with the site's goals and mission

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in fall/winter 2022/2023
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Be 18-30 years old at time of service (veterans up to 35 years old)
- High School diploma or GED
- Collaborative work ethic and the ability to serve in a team environment or on solo projects
- Dedicated interest in assisting all volunteers and visitors from diverse backgrounds

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- Ability to work indoors/outdoors in seasonal weather conditions in Arkansas
- Commitment to the full-term of this internship (50 weeks)
- Willingness to undergo a Federal background check upon selection
- Submit proof of a Driver's License and undergo a Federal Background Check, upon selection
- US Citizen, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the United States

Preferred Qualifications:

- Local applicants, local commuting area residents or relocation-ready applicants preferred (park housing unavailable)
- Effective communications skills and willingness to engage with site visitors and volunteers
- Desire to work cooperatively with and mentor volunteers

Additional Information:

Our site is one of seven NPS units in Arkansas, so collaborative projects with these partners will be possible. The availability for our CVA to occasionally work nights, weekends or on special events throughout the term is preferred.

While housing is not provided, we will network with other local housing providers to find available/affordable housing for any non-local candidates.

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 \$6,345.00 (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

How to Apply

The CVA position will start on **Monday, September 12th, 2022**, and run for 50 weeks until Friday, August 25th 2023. Applicants will need to apply here: [CVA Member Application 2022-2023 \(September Cohort\) \(jotform.com\)](#) and attach a cover.

Please ensure your cover letter addresses the specific requirements and position details for this park.

You may submit one application for multiple positions by selecting all sites and attaching the necessary cover letters.

Applications Deadline

Please submit your application by Friday, July 15th to ensure full consideration.

For Application Questions:

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

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