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Position Title: Community Volunteer Ambassador, Everglades National Park – AmeriCorps

Conservation Legacy Program: Stewards Individual Placements Program

Site Location: Everglades National Park

40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, FL 33034

Terms of Service:

- **Start Date: 2/23/2026**
- **End Date: 2/5/2027**
- **AmeriCorps Slot Classification: 1700 Hour Slot**

Purpose:

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 emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to communities.

Everglades National Park is a 1.5-million-acre protected area in South Florida characterized by wide open wetlands, mangrove forests, and a network of waterways reached by trails, boardwalks, and scenic drives. The park offers a wide range of public activities from guided programs and wildlife viewing to paddling and cycling routes that highlight its cultural and natural heritage. The park has a robust volunteer program offering a variety of volunteer opportunities across the park such as visitor center volunteers, safety bike patrols, historic site tours, and within the cultural and natural resource divisions.

The CVA will have the opportunity to work directly with the park Volunteer Program Coordinator in managing the volunteer program. The CVA will assist the park with local volunteer recruitment, leading volunteer groups, organizing annual volunteer events and administrative tasks. Additionally, the CVA will have the opportunity to build and pilot a Youth Volunteer Cohort to bring in high school students to the park for volunteer and educational experiences.

Description of Duties:

- Recruitment for various volunteer positions and activities
- Assist with volunteer program administrative tasks including tracking forms and stats
- Researching and implementing Volunteer.gov as our main statistic and tool
- Leading volunteer groups and events
- Develop and pilot youth corps service program

Qualifications:

- Responsible and self-starter
- Quick learner, follows directions, but can independently perform tasks once oriented
- Punctual and dependable
- Friendly with public
- Able to work as part of a team
- Pass fingerprint-based FBI, state criminal, and a national sex offender check
- Be able to provide proof of a driver's license and complete an MVR check
- Must be over 21 years old or have had license for at least 3 years to be insured in this position
- United States citizen, United States national, or a lawful permanent resident alien
- At least 17 years of age
- 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 in public speaking, effective communication, and experience with engaging the public
- Experience with formal/informal interpretation of natural/cultural resources
- Familiarity with South Florida resources and challenges
- Comfort working in a variety of environments (hot, insects, water, etc.)

- Customer service oriented
- Effective written communication skills
- Experience with social media (content creation)

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 the hiring manager.

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 skills
- Year-long continuum of learning supporting professional development
- \$750.00 in Professional Development Funds for travel and training

Additional Position and Community Information:

- Weekends, evenings and holidays may be required
- There may be some flexibility with telework for certain projects with supervisor approval. The position is NOT remote.
- Position requires a driver's license.
- Personal vehicle is required due to remote location of housing.
- Housing may be provided but not guaranteed. Housing could include single or shared units with A/C, furnished living spaces, and some kitchen wear. The housing is 15 minutes away from the town of Homestead where attractions, restaurants, and store amenities are located and is 3 minutes away from the Ernest Coe Visitor Center where the CVA will have their workstation.

Benefits:

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$7,395.00
- Living Allowance of \$600.00 per week.
- Additional Benefit of \$150.00 per week if housing is NOT provided by NPS host site at no cost to the participant.
- Healthcare Coverage if Eligible
- Childcare Coverage if Eligible
- Loan forbearance if Eligible
- Interest Payments if Eligible
- 10 Federal Holidays, 13 days Personal Leave, 13 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.

How to Apply

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

The CVA position will start on **Monday, February 23, 2026** and run for 50 weeks until Friday, February 5, 2027.

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Please ensure your cover letter addresses how your experience aligns with the CVA program, your experience working with different populations, and position details for this park/position. You may submit one application for multiple positions by selecting all sites you are interested in.

Application Timeline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Final deadline is **Friday, January 9, 2026.**

For Application Questions:

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

Conservation Legacy is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

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.