



Community Volunteer Ambassador – Fort Laramie National Historic Site

Location: Fort Laramie, Wyoming

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.

The CVA will be a sparkplug for future opportunities for volunteering within the immediate park area and region. The CVA will be asked to complete a 360-degree appraisal of volunteer opportunities at the site—including past and current volunteer offerings and see how they engage groups from the local community, region, and surrounding regions..

Site Description:

Fort Laramie National Historic Site is a world-recognized place which has stories woven into the history of the trans-Mississippi West. The current volunteer-in-parks program at Fort Laramie National Historic Site is comprised of approximately fifteen (15) dedicated and energetic historians who specialize in Living History Interpretation. We are in an exciting time with planning and recruitment for our park program. The volunteer program has increased from three (3) in 2021 to approximately fifteen (15) during CY23! Volunteers are currently focused on the park's Interpretation and Living History program. During the Summer of 2023, we had volunteers in 19th century period clothing interacting with park visitors in our historic structures as well as camps. Volunteer interpreters interacted with park visitors in both First and Third Person using various methods of teaching styles including demonstrations to enhance the park themes. A significant goal for 2024 is to expand our volunteer program with increased recruitment with a focus toward the park's Indigenous history and outreach to tribal members.

Position Responsibilities:

- Develop a comprehensive guide to potential volunteer opportunities at the site including sample volunteer position descriptions.
- Develop a recruitment strategy that will match opportunities with underserved communities.
- Another project related to developing volunteer opportunities that flows from that 360-degree analysis.

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Outgoing, positive energy is a requirement!
- An individual who is creative and works well within a team environment!
- We are seeking a person who has a passion for history and potentially interested in working within the National Park Service (NPS) or public history.
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in late March/early April 2024 (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



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Preferred Qualifications:

- An individual who is currently working on a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Master of Arts (M.A) in History from an accredited academic institution.
- An individual who possesses positive energy with great interpersonal communication skills.
- Public speaking skills as well as an interest in outreach with our local neighbors and adjacent communities in a largely rural Wyoming setting.
- Engaging personality who is passionate about learning and creating environments of positive energy.

Additional Information:

Fort Laramie National Historic Site is unique, and world recognized as a Cultural Crossroads within the history of the American West. Southeast Wyoming is as diverse as the history of Fort Laramie. The location of Fort Laramie is situated within a geographic proximity to a number of Indian Reservations including the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and the Northern Arapahoe near Riverton, Wyoming and Crow Reservation in Southcentral Montana. The park is also within an hour or so to Scotts Bluff National Monument as well as Agate Fossil Beds National Monument. The scheduling for this position is anticipated to be Monday through Friday, 8-4:30 p.m.; however, based on assignments, flexible hours may be necessary. A driver's license is essential for this position due to the rural nature of Southeast Wyoming.

Benefits:

- CVA will receive a weekly stipend of **\$600**
- CVA will receive an additional \$150/week in housing allowance, if housing is not provided.
- Limited health care/childcare benefits
- The position is eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award \$6,895.00 (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 \(cvainternships.org\)](https://www.nps.gov/cvainternships) to review "Member Positions" by region and find instructions on how to apply.

The CVA position will start on **Monday, January 22nd, 2024**, and run for 48 weeks until Friday, December 20th, 2024. Applicants will need to apply here: <https://form.jotform.com/StewardsIPP/cva-member-application-winter-2024>. 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

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. First review will occur in early November. Final deadline is **Sunday, December 10th, 2023**.

For Application Questions:

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

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professionals and encourage members of diverse groups to apply. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, political affiliation, protected veteran status, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, genetic information, 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 a reasonable accommodation due to a disability during application or recruiting process, please send a request to the hiring manager.