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Community Volunteer Ambassador – Padre Island National Seashore

Location Corpus Christi, TX

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 at Padre Island National Seashore will play an integral role in redeveloping the volunteer program to a scope and scale that is sustainable for park operations. Additionally, the CVA will work in collaboration with park volunteer supervisors to ensure that they are supported in their roles.

Site Description

Padre Island National Seashore is located on the north end of Padre Island in Corpus Christi, Texas. Padre Island National Seashore was established in 1962 to protect the longest stretch of undeveloped barrier island in the world, and the park's more than 130,000 acres host a rich variety of cultural and natural resources. Located between the Gulf of Mexico and the Laguna Madre, Padre Island contains coastal prairie, wetland, and wind tidal flat habitats. Recreational opportunities include saltwater fishing, kayaking, windsurfing, birding, beach driving and camping.

The seashore's volunteer program is currently undergoing a complete reorganization to align the program with national policy. Volunteers serve in the visitor center, act as campground hosts, assist with endangered species management, facilities projects, and marine debris removal.

Position Responsibilities:

- Develop group volunteer experiences, such as organized beach clean ups.
- Create job aids for hiring volunteers
- Develop service descriptions and risk assessments
- Assist in the organization of volunteer recognition events
- Develop a method to track volunteer program supply inventory
- Set up, use and teach other staff members to use Volunteer.gov

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Associate's degree
- Familiarity with basic Microsoft Office programs
- Organized
- Detail oriented
- Flexible
- Kind
- Ability to work on multiple projects at one time
- Ability to work independently
- Mindful of others' idiosyncrasies



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- Ability to lift 40 pounds
- Ability to walk on uneven terrain
- Ability and willingness to work in a hot, humid environment
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in March 2025 (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

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree
- Public speaking experience
- Effective communication skills
- Experience engaging diverse groups that are part of the general public

Additional Information:

- There is no public transportation available to or from the national seashore. A driver's license and a personal form of reliable transportation to travel to and from work is required.
- Weekend and holiday work is required.
- Very early morning or evening work may be required.
- Government furnished housing is not available in the park. A variety of rental options are available in Corpus Christi, Texas.
- The park is located approximately 25 miles southeast of the city of Corpus Christi, Texas (population of the metropolitan area is approximately 430,000), 170 miles southeast of San Antonio, and 240 miles southwest of Houston. Corpus Christi has all the amenities of a small city, including a wide variety of housing, shopping, and recreational opportunities, including an aquarium, museums, sporting events, concerts, and botanical gardens.

Benefits:

- **\$600/week living stipend.**
- \$150/week in housing allowance, if housing is not provided.
- Limited health care/childcare benefits
- The position is eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award \$7,395.00 (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://cvainternships.org) to review "Member Positions" by region and find instructions on how to apply.

The CVA position will start on **Tuesday, January 21**, and run for 48 weeks until Friday, December 19, 2025.

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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 8, 2024.**

For Application Questions:

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

Conservation Legacy is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to hiring a breadth of diverse 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.