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## **Community Volunteer Ambassador – Little River Canyon National Preserve**

**Location:** Fort Payne, AL

### **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 help build back the program at both Little River Canyon and Russell Cave parks and get involved with community businesses and organizations. The CVA will promote the park and the volunteer program with the National Park Service in the communities. The CVA will recruit volunteers to assist with events, visitor services and much more.

### **Site Description**

Little River Canyon national preserve is 15,000 acres. The park has waterfalls, hiking trails, kayaking, horseback riding, rock climbing, fishing, and a 11-mile scenic drive. The canyon is 600 feet deep is one of the deepest canyon systems east of the Mississippi River and the deepest in the state of Alabama. The volunteer program consists of visitor services at the front desk, roving outside on the hiking trails, assisting with special events, and assisting the biotech and maintenance.

Russell Cave is an archeological site with one of the most complete records of prehistoric cultures in the Southeast. In the 1950s, archeologists uncovered a large quantity of artifacts representing over 10,000 years of use in a single place. The volunteer program consists of helping with interpretive programs of the cave and helping special events and assisting at the front desk.

### **Position Responsibilities:**

- Help recruit volunteers at Little River Canyon NP & Russell Cave NM
- Work with current volunteers to learn volunteer duties and responsibilities
- Work with local colleges, community civic clubs, and businesses to recruit new volunteers learn the importance of the NPS volunteer program
- Build up the volunteer program at both parks

### **CVA Minimum Requirements:**

- Good communication skills
- Friendly
- Outgoing
- Work independently
- Works well with diverse groups of people
- Hard-working
- 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)



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- 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:

- Public speaking
- Effective communication skills
- Experience with public engagement

### Additional Information:

- Working weekends
- Required drivers license
- Driving an hour between parks
- Government housing is at Russell Cave National Monument or getting an apartment in Fort Payne near Little River Canyon National Preserve

### 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://www.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](mailto:jgasaway@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.*