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Community Volunteer Ambassador – Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

Location: Stanton, ND

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 KNRI will focus on supporting developing interpretation programming on local history, building partnerships with tribal nations, and recruiting volunteers to support NPS efforts. This will involve:

- Creating interpretation programs that will educate the public on historic horticulture.
- Assisting on planting a traditional garden that they can do interpretation programs on the different planting methods.
- Building a partnership with the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation on seed sharing and create community gardens on the Fort Berthold Reservation.
- Researching historical cultivation practices and the park can use that information for future interpretation/education programs at the park.
- Creating an education program on Native food sovereignty.
- Partnering with the MHA Nation with seed sharing and community gardens that will continue from year to year.
- Recruiting volunteers from the MHA Nation and will continue to volunteer and be involved in any future park projects

Site Description

Knife River Indian Villages NHS preserves three historic villages sites where Earth lodge people hunted bison and other game but were in essence farmers living in villages along the Missouri and its tributaries. The site was a major Native American trade center for hundreds of years prior to becoming an important marketplace for fur traders after 1750.

Knife River Indian Villages NHS has volunteers round helping with special events, education programs, school groups and answering questions at the front desk. Volunteers assist with our gardening program with planting, maintaining, and harvesting the traditional crops grown in our educational garden.

Position Responsibilities:

- Research, create, and present programs on traditional horticulture practices and food sovereignty.
- Assist with planting, maintaining, and harvesting the traditional garden in the park
- Create a partnership with the MHA Nation on creating traditional gardens on the reservation.
- Create and catalog a seed bank at the park and a sharing project with the MHA Nation
- Recruit volunteers from the MHA Nation to volunteer in future projects at the park.



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CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Knowledge of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara history and culture or Native American history.
- People skills
- Friendly
- Hard-working
- Commutation skills
- Outgoing
- Enjoys outdoors
- Have reliable form of transportation
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in late November 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

Preferred Qualifications:

- Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara Tribal Member or Native American knowable/ horticulture
- Local applicants
- Public Speaking
- Communication Skills
- Experience with Partnerships
- Experience with general public and children

Additional Information:

CVA must have a driver's licenses and vehicle the park is very isolated nearest grocery store is 12 miles away from the park and housing. May work weekends. No park housing is available. Housing are apartments available in Stanton are one-bedroom unfinished apartments with shared laundry area.

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 \$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 \(cva.legacy.org\)](https://cva.legacy.org) to review "Member Positions" by region and find instructions on how to apply.

The CVA position will start on **Monday, September 9, 2024**, and run for 48 weeks until Friday, August 8, 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 June. Final deadline is **Sunday, July 7, 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.