



WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE

COPPER CENTER, AK

STEWARDS INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS

Stewards Individual Placements provides individuals with service and career opportunities to strengthen communities and preserve our natural resources. Stewards, in partnership with the National Park Service, are seeking an intern to serve as Community Volunteer Ambassador.

POSITION DETAILS

- Length: position is 50 weeks, 40 hours/week
- Start Date: Monday, February 8th 2021
- Living Allowance: Baseline allowance of \$440/week*
- AmeriCorps Award: \$6,095 (pre-tax)
- Application Due Date: 11/20/2020
- Members will attend a week-long, nationwide, virtual training-National Early Service Training

ABOUT THE SITE

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve is the largest National Park Service unit at 13.2 million acres. It is a diverse landscape with four mountain ranges; nine of the sixteen highest mountains in the United States; North America's largest subpolar icefield and some of the longest glaciers in the US; the Kennecott Historic mining district; and abundant tundra and boreal forest wildlife. It is the current and ancestral home of Ahtna, Tlingit, and Eyak Alaska Native peoples who hold and share the traditional ecological knowledge of this landscape.

POSITION SUMMARY

Wrangell-St. Elias' Division of Interpretation and Education (I&E) offers visitor services at four locations that provide backcountry, Leave-No-Trace, traveler information, federal subsistence hunting and fishing permits, and interpretive programs during the summer for up to 50,000 visitors. The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) will play a part in creating a robust I&E Volunteer Program that will allow for improved and expanded visitor services for both outside and local audiences. The CVA's main role is to evaluate how an Interpretation & Education Volunteer Program could fulfill park goals and reach new audiences.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Understanding National Park Service Volunteer Program guidelines and policies and educating park staff on applying these principles to creating a volunteer program.
- Building skills in National Park Service interpretation, visitor services, outreach and education program management and identifying types of volunteer opportunities that could assist with these functions.
- Exploring barriers to volunteering at Wrangell-St. Elias and proposing solutions for overcoming these barriers.
- Creating a proposal and structure for a multi-component VIP program at Wrangell-St. Elias, outlining the number and kind of volunteers that could fulfill division functions and meet the needs of the park and surrounding communities.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- At least two years of college education
- Experience in extreme cold environments.
- Outgoing, flexible, friendly, and enthusiastic personality;
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively;
- Willingness to work with a diversity of coworkers, partners, and visitors;
- Commitment to working safely and speaking up about safety concerns
- Passion for learning about National Parks and Wrangell-St. Elias natural and cultural history
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Be 18-30 years old (35 years old if you are a veteran)
- Submit proof of a Driver's License and undergo a Federal Background Check, upon selection
- This work requires some physical exertion involving periods of standing and walking, in some cases over rough surfaces or inclines. It can also include moderate risks or discomforts due to extreme temperatures, climates, rough terrain, wild animals, pests, and/or insects.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Local applicants preferred
- Oral (including public speaking) and written communication skills
- Customer service experience
- Familiarity with social media platforms
- Experience working with the public
- Ability to write coherent and concise reports
- Familiarity with common computer programs and applications (word processing, databases, and spreadsheets).

HOUSING

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve will provide affordable government housing for the duration of the internship, but specific location may change during the summer season. All housing options are shared quarters with other interns and employees. Housing options are 15 miles away from work location, requiring a daily commute. This position is in a remote part of Alaska, approximately 4 hours drive on the road system from Anchorage, requiring a driver's license and a personal vehicle that has been modified for extreme cold environments.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online [HERE](#). In addition to your resume, please submit a one page cover letter highlighting why you are interested in this position and how your background and experience will help you succeed in this position.

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