



Buffalo National River

Site Supervisor

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Title of Supervisor

Park Ranger

About the Park Site

The Buffalo River, located in Northern Arkansas, was the first National River to be designated in the United States. The Buffalo River is one of the few remaining unpolluted, free-flowing rivers in the lower 48 states offering both swift-running and placid stretches.

About the Position

This position will work closely with the park's volunteer coordinator to build community engagement, foster stewardship, and develop opportunities for volunteers to serve and connect with Buffalo National River. In preparation for the park's 50th anniversary celebration in 2022, this position will work closely with park staff, partner organizations, and community members to plan engaging educational events and stewardship activities that will inspire visitors and local populations to give back to their public lands. These events, projects and initiatives will target new audiences and aim to strengthen relations between NPS and local gateway communities. This position will be instrumental in working with local communities to foster relevance, diversity, and inclusion in park programs. This position will assist with volunteer recruitment, management, communications and reporting while developing outreach strategies that will expand Buffalo National River's volunteer program and stewardship opportunities.

Driving Requirements The CVA needs to possess a driver's license with a clean driving record (3 years).

Typical Schedule

5 days a week, including weekends, with two days off in the middle of the week, some evenings and holidays required

Ideal Ambassador

Work Ethic and Attitude

The CVA intern will be expected to demonstrate our core values:

- Work as a team toward common goals.
- Respect and uphold the dignity of individuals.
- Consider peoples' thoughts, feelings, satisfaction, and condition.
- Strive for excellence.
- Be compassionate and kind.
- Maintain a service orientation.
- Be honest, trustworthy, and have high integrity.

Relevant Experience

- Two years of education beyond the high school level OR two years of related work experience in customer service, community engagement, conservation education, public relations, or other related fields)

Nearby Attractions and Amenities As the "Gateway City" to the Buffalo National River, Harrison serves as a lodging, dining and entertainment center for visitors to the Buffalo National River, lake Norfolk and the north central Arkansas Ozark Mountains. Nearby cities of Branson and Springfield offer metropolitan amenities such as live performances and varied dining options.

Housing Housing is provided. Housing and office/ranger station are in a remote location with no cell service. The CVA may choose to pay for private wireless internet in housing unit.

Preferred Majors Education- any field (ie. Outdoor, Science), Environmental Studies/Stewardship/Conservation, Parks/Tourism/Recreation, Natural Resource Management, Marketing,

Basic Skills

- Ability to confidently and effectively inform, instruct, and direct large audiences
- Ability to provide engaging, organized, and concise presentations
- Ability to produce accurate and professionally-toned written communications
- Ability to understand the various aspects of event planning (recruitment, set-up, promotion, logistics, coordination) and employ tools and strategies to carryout multiple related tasks with a high level of organization and self-guidance (i.e. MS Office, Photoshop, Facebook, etc)