



Manzanar National Historic Site

Site Supervisor
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Title of Supervisor
Chief of Interpretation

About the Park Site

Manzanar is located on US 395 in the southern Owens Valley of eastern California. In 1942, the United States government ordered more than 110,000 men, women, and children to leave their homes and detained them in remote, military-style camps. Manzanar War Relocation Center was one of ten camps where Japanese American citizens and resident Japanese aliens were incarcerated during World War II. The Civil Rights story of Manzanar is relevant to all Americans, perhaps now more than ever. The past is always present here.

About the Position

The CVA will help preserve Manzanar and share its stories by facilitating connections across the diverse geographic, socio-economic, and age spectrum. Manzanar is located in a rural area, with underserved populations, including Hispanics, Asian Americans, African Americans, and native Paiute and Shoshone peoples. The CVA will foster relationships between inner-city youth (PLC), descendants of former incarcerated (JACL), and local Owens Valley Paiutes. Bringing individuals and groups representing these "separate" histories together will ensure that the NPS preserves and interprets Manzanar's past in its larger context and remains relevant to all visitors. The CVA will also support our award winning archaeology program and our volunteer recruitment efforts.

Driving Requirements

This position requires a driver's license, and a personal vehicle to commute to/from the site.

Typical Schedule

5 days per week; 8:30 am -5:00 pm, most likely to include weekends

Ideal Ambassador

Work Ethic and Attitude

- Positive, outgoing personality
- Experience in a similar type of work
- Passion for history and compassion for people
- Takes initiative to find solutions, accept responsibilities, and enlisting help

Relevant Experience

- Working in customer service;
- Volunteering with service projects
- Planning large events
- Working with youth, diverse audiences, veterans, or the elderly

Basic Skills

- Outstanding written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities at once
- Ability to actively listen and capture details Resourceful
- and creative problem solving skills

Housing

Housing is available in small rural communities including Independence (6 miles north), Lone Pine (9 miles south), and Big Pine (30 miles north). Housing will be determined by availability when the intern is hired. It will be likely be shared (same sex) housing part of the year.

Nearby Attractions and Amenities

California's Eastern Sierra offers world-class recreational opportunities in all directions. In the winter, explore Death Valley National Park or ski Mammoth Mountain. In the summer, explore the High Sierra including the John Muir Wilderness, Pacific Crest Trail, Sequoia, Kings Canyon and Yosemite National Parks, and more. There are also endless options to bike, boat, rock climb, sh, camp, and more. It's an adventurer's paradise.

Preferred Majors

Bachelors Degree; Journalism, Asian American Studies, Sociology, History, Anthropology, Museum Studies, Literature, Education, and other relevant disciplines