



Valles Caldera National Preserve/Manhattan Project National Historical Park

Site Supervisors

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About the Park Site

Valles Caldera National Preserve- About 1.25 million years ago, a spectacular volcanic eruption created the 13-mile wide circular depression now known as the Valles Caldera. The preserve is known for its huge mountain meadows, abundant wildlife, and meandering streams. The area also preserves the homeland of ancestral native peoples and embraces a rich ranching history.

Manhattan Project National Historical Park- This site tells the story about the people, events, science, and engineering that led to the creation of the atomic bomb, which helped end World War II. Located on a remote mesa in New Mexico, at Los Alamos over 6,000 scientists and support personnel worked to design and build the atomic bombs.

About the Position

The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) will serve at two separate sites in a shared position: Valles Caldera National Preserve, and Manhattan Project National Historical Park. Both sites are located in New Mexico, roughly 17 miles apart (30 minute drive).

Valles Caldera National Preserve (VALL)- the CVA will be tasked with implementation of the park's Site Stewardship Plan, which will require working with multiple divisions in the park, including Interpretation & Education, Resource Management, and Facilities Management to define projects, recruit Site Stewards, and coordinate with the lead division to schedule projects. The CVA will assist with volunteer recruitment and training for VALL's dark sky program, Fiesta en el Valle planning, and the park's 20th anniversary celebration.

Manhattan Project National Historical Park (MAPR)- the CVA will work with the Education Technician to develop youth programs for classroom and visitor center use and train Visitor Center volunteers on implementation of the programs. In addition, the CVA will participate in planning and be an integral part of park special events throughout the year, including working the NPS booth for both parks at Los Alamos community festivals, and participating in events related to the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII. The CVA will also develop administrative processes, job descriptions, and operating standards for the MAPR volunteer program.

Driving Requirements

The CVA should possess a driver's license with a clean driving record. The CVA will need to be able to drive a government vehicle to outreach events, volunteer events, and other sites.

Ideal Ambassador

Basic Skills & Requirements

- 1-2 years of higher education
- Flexibility and ability to see change as an opportunity
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Friendly, outgoing attitude
- Comfortable with public speaking
- Proficient in Microsoft Office
- Record keeping experience and strong organizational skills

Schedule

The CVA may work weekends or evenings to participate in outreach events, night sky programs, and special events. Occasionally, work may be required on a holiday (such as 4th of July parades). If this occurs the CVA will be given an in lieu of holiday off.

Housing & Transportation

- Valles Caldera National Preserve has shared housing w/ a private room, shared bathroom w/ one other person, and a shared common space w/ seven other people available during the summer season only.
- Manhattan Project NHP will secure winter housing for the CVA
- Both parks have a government vehicle available for use by the CVA when commuting within and between the two park sites (30 minute drive).
- Valles Caldera is remote and there are no public transportation options within 20 miles of the site's housing. A personal vehicle is needed for travel outside work hours.
- Please note that both sites receive significant snow in the winter, so driving safely under some winter conditions may be required.